

SENTAC Program Committee

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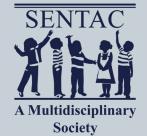
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Speakers + Biographies



Abdurrahman Abdurrob

Abdurrahman Abdurrob is a second-year ENT resident at Henry Ford Hospital in Michigan, by way of Boston, Melbourne, and Dhaka. Because of my background, I am committed to research and

humanitarian work, and I am dedicated to further advancing these pursuits as I continue to advance my career.



Kristan Alfonso, MD

Kristan Alfonso, MD is a pediatric otolaryngologist at Texas Children's Hospital and Associate Professor at Baylor School of Medicine. She has a special focus in the field of pediatric otology, including sensorineural and conductive hearing loss, cochlear

implantation, chronic ear disease, microtia and ear reconstruction.



Brandon Abell

Brandon Abell is a Colorado native, and a current fourth-year medical student at the University of Colorado. He is currently completing a research year and plans to apply to otolaryngology residency next year.



Raihanah Alsayegh

Raihanah Alsayegh is a PGY-5 otolaryngology resident at McGill University and an upcoming Pediatric otolaryngology fellow at UPMC (2025-2026). Her research interests include Eustachian tube dysfunction and quality improvement.



Kirsten Adkisson, AuD

Kirsten Adkisson, AuD, joined the Bill Daniels Center for Children's Hearing at Children's Hospital Colorado as an Audiologist in 2010 and is currently an Audiology Associate Clinical Manager. She joined the Children's Hospital Colorado Microtia Clinic in

2017. Kirsten completed her Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Disorders: Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology at the University of Northern Colorado. She continued at the University of Northern Colorado to complete her Doctor of Audiology degree. She has more than thirteen years of experience as an audiologist specializing in pediatric diagnostic evaluations and management. Her clinical interests include bone conduction hearing devices (BCHD) and management of children with hearing loss using BCHDs. She is credentialed as a Certificate Holder-Audiology Preceptor (CH-AP) through the American Board of Audiology and has enjoyed mentoring students.



Samantha Anne, MD, MS

Samantha Anne, MD,MS is a Professor with Cleveland Clinic Head and Neck Institute and serves as the Medical Director of Pediatric Ear and Hearing Disorders. Dr. Anne completed her Bachelor of Science degree, Master of Science degree, and

her Doctor of Medicine degree at Wayne State University. Her post-graduate training includes a two-year otolaryngology residency at The State University of New York, followed by completion of residency at University Hospitals and Case Western Reserve University. She then did a pediatric otolaryngology fellowship at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. Her research interests are in pediatric hearing loss and quality of life associated with cochlear implantation in children. She has authored nearly 100 papers, published a book on pediatric sensorineural hearing loss, and has presented internationally numerous times on pediatric hearing loss.



Hanin Alamoudi

Hanin Alamoudi, MBBS is an Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Resident at King AbdulAziz University Hospital. Joan C. Arvedson, PhD, CCC/ SLP, BCS-S

Joan C. Arvedson, PhD, CCC/SLP, BCS-S, Feeding and Swallowing Specialist at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, is also Clinical Professor in Division of Gastroenterology, Department of

Pediatrics, Medical College of Wisconsin. She has 3 books in publication and numerous articles in peer reviewed journals. Dr. Arvedson is an internationally recognized expert in pediatric dysphagia. She was awarded Honors of ASHA in 2016 and is an ASHA Fellow

Noor Baamir

Dr. Noor Baamir is currently a PGY-2 Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery resident at King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. She completed her medical degree at King Abdulaziz University and graduated with first honors.

Christopher Baker, MD

Christopher Baker, MD is a Professor of Pediatrics in the Section of Pulmonary and Sleep Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. He is the Medical Director of the Ventilator Care Program at Children's Hospital Colorado which

provides comprehensive care for infants and children with tracheostomies and home mechanical ventilation. He is a recognized expert in the fields of chronic ventilation and bronchopulmonary dysplasia, the chronic lung disease of prematurity.

Karthick Balakrishnan, MD

Karthick Balakrishnan, MD is a pediatric otolaryngologist specializing in the care of children with complex disorders of breathing, voice, and swallowing. He is an expert in complex surgical reconstruction of the larynx and trachea and in innovative

approaches to pediatric airway reconstruction. Dr. Balakrishnan serves as medical director for surgical performance improvement at Stanford Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. Since 2022, he has also served as the Susan B. Ford Surgeon-in-Chief of Stanford Medicine Children's Health and Lucile Packard Children's Hospital.

Emily Bateman

Emily Bateman is currently an MD/MPH Candidate at TTUHSC EI Paso Paul Foster School of Medicine. She previously worked in the Watkins Laboratory at University of Colorado Boulder. She now participates in clinical research through the medical university,

focusing on social determinants of health.

Kayla Beyer, MS, CCC-SLP

Kayla Beyer, MS, CCC-SLP is a pediatric speech-language pathologist who specializes in the evaluation and treatment of feeding and swallowing disorders, voice disorders, resonance disorders, and disorders of the upper airway. She currently

works at American Family Children's Hospital in Madison, WI. As a member of the Feeding Intervention Team and Cleft and Craniofacial Anomalies Clinic, she values interdisciplinary care and enjoys working collaboratively with children and their families. She completed her master's degree at Purdue University.

Lindsay Booth

Lindsay Booth is an Otolaryngology

– Head and Neck Surgery resident
at the University of Calgary. She
completed her undergraduate studies
and medical school at the University
of British Columbia.

Matthew Brigger, MD, M.P.H.

Dr. Matthew Brigger is a medical professional, chief of the Division of Otolaryngology, and Medical Director of the Aerodigestive Program at Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego and a professor of surgery at UC San Diego School of Medicine.



Laura Brooks, M.Ed., CCC-SLP, BCS-S

Laura Brooks M.Ed. CCC-SLP BCS-S received her undergraduate degree from the University of Florida and her Master's degree from the University of Virginia. She has been a speech language pathologist since 1999,

and has been board certified in swallowing disorders since 2012. She is a Clinical Specialist at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta working with pediatric patients in the intensive care units and acute care units. She specializes in management of pediatric dysphagia and tracheostomy/ ventilator dependent patients. She has published research, journal articles, case studies, and textbook chapters related to pediatric dysphagia and tracheostomy/ventilator dependent patients. She serves on the Bioethics Committee, Global Tracheostomy Committee, and ICU Liberation/Early Mobility/ECMO Committee at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

Ashley Brown, MS, CCC-SLP, BCS-S

Ashley Brown MS CCC-SLP, BCS-S is a Speech-Language Pathologist and Board Certified Specialist in Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders at Children's Health Medical Center in Dallas, TX. She specializes

in pediatric complex airway, tracheostomy, and dysphagia. She is the lead SLP in the Children's Health Airway Management Program. She has served on the Society for Ear Nose and Throat Advancement in Children (SENTAC) board and their program committee. She has also served as Committee Chair for TSHA. Ashley has spoken at multiple conferences around the country on pediatric airway disorders and dysphagia, palliative care, and professional issues. She has been published in multiple medical journals as a co-author on topics related to pediatric tracheostomy and dysphagia.

David Brown, MD

David Brown, MD is the Associate
Dean and Associate Vice President
for Health Equity and inclusion and
Clinical Professor of Otolaryngology
Head and Neck Surgery at Michigan
Medicine. He leads the Office for
Health Equity and Inclusion at Michigan
Medicine which implements the University

of Michigan Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategic Plan, implements training to advance diversity and inclusion, and provides numerous healthcare pathways and mentorship programs. Dr. Brown also serves as an executive sponsor of the Anti-Racism Oversight Committee. He is an executive coach and enjoys helping faculty, staff and learners become their best selves.

Prior to his current role, Dr. Brown served as the Medical Director of the Pediatric Otolaryngology Clinic, the founder and Director of the Multidisciplinary Aerodigestive Clinic, a founding member and faculty lead of the Otolaryngology Essential Skills Simulation Bootcamp, and the founder of the Pediatric Multidisciplinary Airway Conference. He served as the AAMC Group on Diversity and Inclusion Central Region Representative from 2017-2019 and the Chair of the Society of University Otolaryngologist Diversity Committee from 2019-2022. Dr. Brown the current President of the Society of University Otolaryngologists. He is a member of Michigan Medicine Global REACH (Research, Education, and Collaboration in Health) and is part of an otolaryngology team that travels to Ghana multiple times a year to collaborate on research projects and advance clinical care. Dr. Brown graduated from Brown University and Harvard Medical School. He completed his residency in Otolaryngology- Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Michigan and fellowship in Pediatric Otolaryngology at the Children's Hospital of Boston/Harvard. Prior to returning to Michigan, he was on the faculty at Johns Hopkins Hospital where he was the Otolaryngology Residency Associate Program Director and winner of the 2005 George T. Nager Award for Excellence in Teaching. He worked from 2008-11 at the Medical College of Wisconsin, where he won the Otolaryngology Faculty Teaching Award in his first year. He was recently honored with the Harvard Medical School 2020 Distinguished Alumni Service Award for co-creating an alumni mentorship program for medical students underrepresented in medicine. Dr. Brown enjoys classical music and was a founding member, principal flutist and 2018 Concerto Competition Winner of the University of Michigan Life Sciences Orchestra.

Jason R Brown, DO
Program Director, Pediatric
Otolaryngology Fellowship

Dr. Brown is the Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine; Clinical Assistant Professor of Otolaryngology, University of Kansas

School of Medicine.



Dr. Bukhari is fellowship training pediatric otolaryngologist who's main practice involves caring for children with various complex disorders. Dr. Bukhari completed her residency and fellowship at King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Her main

research interest is focused in improving children's quality of life.

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Zachary Burgess, MD, MPH is a resident in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) in Galveston, TX. He received his BS in Neurobiology at the University of Texas

at Austin before attending the University of Texas Health San Antonio (UTHSA) Long School of Medicine and University of Texas School of Public Health earning his MD and MPH concurrently. He completed an internship in General Surgery with the Department of Surgery at UTHSA before entering into his current role at UTMB. He is enjoying a broad education in ENT but has growing interest in pursuing Sleep Surgery fellowship training after residency. He enjoys being involved in medical student education and has research interests in quality improvement and guideline review particularly in pediatric otolaryngology and sleep surgery. In his free time, he enjoys smoking Texas style barbecue, traveling the country, and spending time with friends and family.



Margaret Cafferkey MS CCC-SLP CLC is a speech-language pathologist and certified lactation counselor in the Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery at UCSF Benioff Children's

Hospital. She specializes in the assessment and treatment of complex infant/pediatric feeding and swallowing, and voice disorders. She practices clinically as part of the voice and swallowing, aerodigestive, and trach/vent interdisciplinary clinics at UCSF. Margaret has been working in the field of speech pathology for 20 years and prior her tenure at UCSF, worked in a variety of settings including inpatient acute care and outpatient rehabilitation.

Jonathan Carnino

Jonathan Carnino is a current thirdyear medical student at Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine. He is planning to apply for otolaryngology residency in the 2025-2026 ERAS application cycle.



Daniela Carvalho, MD is a pediatric otolaryngologist with focus in pediatric otology. She is a Professor at the Otolaryngology Head and Neck Department at UCSD, the Director of the Hearing and Cochlear Implant Program at Rady Children's Hospital of

San Diego (RCHSD) and Medical Director of Surgical Services at RCHSD. She is also the EHDI Chapter Champion of the AAP-CA3. Dr. Carvalho is very active in several national and international otolaryngology societies and is past President of SENTAC.

Victoria Ceballos Japs, MS, CCC-SLP

Victoria Ceballos Japs, M.S., CCC-SLP, is a speech language pathologist at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital and an adjunct instructor in the Department of Communication Disorders at Sacred

Heart University. Victoria received her masters degree in speech language pathology from Sacred Heart University and an advanced certificate in Pediatric Dysphagia from New York Medical College. She holds licensure in the State of Connecticut and has been practicing professionally for 4 years.

Dylan Chan, MD, PhD

Dylan Chan, MD, PhD is Professor of Pediatric Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at UCSF. He is founder and director of the UCSF Children's Communication Center, which supports multidisciplinary clinical care, translational research

on pediatric hearing health outcomes and disparities, and community outreach services. He is principal investigator on two PCORI-funded clinical trials studying teletherapy in low-income deaf and hard-of-hearing children and community-based preschool hearing screening, and an NIDCD R01 studying genetic and noise-induced hearing loss in mouse models.

Sneha Chauhan

Sneha Chauhan is a fourth year medical student from the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University. Her research interests include head and neck oncology, hearing health disparities and qualitative improvement models in service delivery.

Moving forward, she hopes to make meaningful contributions to medical science and patient care, with a particular emphasis on underserved communities.



Jin Chen is a third-year medical student at Chicago Medical School-Rosalind Franklin University with a focus on pediatric otolaryngology. He is particularly interested in pediatric airway research and artificial intelligence use within the field of

Otolaryngology. Outside of his studies, he enjoys crossfit/weightlifting, cooking, and pickleball.

Xiaoxuan Chen

Xiaoxuan Chen is originally from Long Island, New York, Xiaoxuan (Emily) Chen is a medical student at Weill Cornell Medical College. Before medical school, she spent a gap year working in a primary care clinic for Medicare patients in North Philadelphia.

In her free time, she enjoys playing tennis, making travel vlogs, and exploring NYC's food scene.

David Chi, MD

David H. Chi, MD, is a pediatric otolaryngologist and is certified in otolaryngology by the American Board of Otolaryngology. He is associate professor of otolaryngology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, chief of the Division of

Pediatric Otolaryngology, and director of the Hearing Center and Cochlear Implant Program at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. Dr. Chi received his medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School and completed his otolaryngology residency at the University of Virginia, followed by his pediatric otolaryngology fellowship at UPMC Children's.

Quynh Chi-Dang

I am a current medical student at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center who is interested in expanding medical education, tech innovation, and healthcare start ups.



Stephen Reed Chorney, M.D., M.P.H., is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery at UT Southwestern Medical Center and Director of the Children's Health Airway Management

Program. He specializes in complex pediatric otolaryngology. Dr. Chorney earned his medical degree at the Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine in Scranton, Pennsylvania. He completed a residency in otolaryngology at the State University of New York Upstate Medical University and then received advanced training in pediatric otolaryngology through a fellowship at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. He also holds a Master of Public Health degree in health systems and policy from Rutgers School of Public Health. Dr. Chorney's clinical and research interests include pediatric aerodigestive disorders, airway reconstruction, and voice disorders.

Robert Chun, MD

Dr. Robert Chun is a pediatric otolaryngologist at the Medical College Wisconsin. He also serves as the Pediatric Otolaryngology fellowship director and chair for the Medical College of Wisconsin Curriculum and Evaluation Committee.

He also serves as the Secretary for the American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology and is on the Exam Council for the American Board of Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery. His educational interests are in mentoring and sponsorship with clinical interests in vascular anomalies, head and neck masses, and airway disease.

Wei-Chung Hsu, MD, PhD

Wei-Chung Hsu, MD, PhD is currently the Professor and Division Chief of Division of Pediatric Otolaryngology, Department of Otolaryngology, College of Medicine, National Taiwan University, National Taiwan University Hospital and Children's Hospital. He is

also the Director of Center of Sleep Disorder in National Taiwan University Hospital since August, 2023 and the current President of Taiwan Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology since 2021. He received his residency training at National Taiwan University Hospital after graduated from Medical School of National Taiwan University. He also got his PhD degree from Institute of Occupational Medicine and Industrial Hygiene, Colleague of Public Health, National Taiwan University. He is one of the founding members of Asian Pediatric Otolaryngology Group (APOG), Asia-Pacific Pediatric Airway Course and Workshop (APPAC) Group and being





the President of APOG from 2013-2015, APPAC in 2015. He is also an active members of American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology (ASPO), European Society of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology (ESPO) and Inter-American Association of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology (IAPO), who has received 2012 ASPO International Visiting Scholar Award and selected as member of CORLAS (Collegium Oto-Rhino-Laryngologicum Amicitiae Sacrum) since 2016. He also finished his research fellowship as a visiting scholar in the Department of Pediatric Otolaryngology, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center from 2017 to 2018. As an honor, he was nominated as the representative of Asian area in the International Working Group of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology (IWGPO), which is the core leading board member of World Congress of Pediatric ENT since 2018. He is interested in the pediatric airway endoscopy and airway reconstructive surgery, sleep surgery, pediatric sleep apnea and medical education, which has been involved in many aspects of researches, invited as guest speakers and published many papers in the SCI journals.

Clarice Clemmons, MD

Clarice Clemmons, M.D. is an Associate Professor at the Medical University of South Carolina. She joined the Department of Otolaryngology &- Head and Neck Surgery and MUSC Children's Hospital in 2015. Prior to joining MUSC, Dr.

Clemmens completed a fellowship in pediatric otolaryngology at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Dr. Clemmens grew up in Idaho, and graduated summa cum laude from Clemson University where she played varsity soccer. In 2009, she graduated from medical school at the Medical University of South Carolina, and then completed a residency in otolaryngology at the University of Pennsylvania.

Mason Cohn, BS

Mason Cohn, BS is a third year Doctor of Audiology Student at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Mason is passionate about advancing the field of pediatric audiology, and interdisciplinary collaboration.

Diahann Cuevo

Diahann Cuevo is a pediatric Speech
Language Pathologist, Certified
Lactation Counselor and Certified
Neonatal Therapist specializing
in infant and pediatric feeding and
swallowing disorders since 2015. She is
currently the Clinical Specialist in Speech

Language Pathology at NYU Langone, primarily working in the NICU to support program development, evaluation and treatment of the premature and high risk infant population.

Emily Cushing, BS

Emily Cushing, BS is a third year medical student at Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine interested in pursuing a career in Otolaryngology. She is originally from Long Island, NY and now lives in Dublin, Ohio. She completed

her undergraduate biology degree at The Ohio State University.

Sharon Cushing, MD

Sharon Cushing, MD is a full-time paediatric otolaryngologist and the Director of the Cochlear Implant Program at The Hospital for Sick Children and a full Professor in the Department of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery at the University of

Toronto, Canada. Dr. Cushing has a clinical and surgical interest in disorders of the ear, including hearing loss and vestibular dysfunction. Her research interest includes vestibular and balance dysfunction in children, and its association with hearing loss and cochlear implantation.

Roger Daley, Jr
Roger Daley practices at the
Medical College of Wisconsin.



David Darrow, MD

David Darrow, MD is a Professor of Otolaryngology and Pediatrics at the Eastern Virginia Medical School, and an attending otolaryngologist at the Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters in Norfolk, VA. After receiving degrees in both dentistry and

medicine, Dr. Darrow completed residency in otolaryngology at the University of California, San Diego and a fellowship in pediatric otolaryngology at the Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Dr. Darrow's primary clinical and research interests are in the areas of otitis media, tonsillitis, and vascular birthmarks. He is the founder and co-director of the EVMS Center for Hemangiomas and Vascular Birthmarks and first authored the AAP Clinical report on infantile hemangiomas. He has lectured locally and nationally on proper diagnosis and management of middle ear disease in children. He has also written extensively on indications for tonsil and adenoid surgery. Dr. Darrow has served on panels that crafted clinical practice guidelines for pediatric tonsillectomy, pediatric acute sinusitis, and infantile hemangiomas. Dr. Darrow is a past president of SENTAC. He is also a former Chair of the AAP Section on Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery and has served on the ASPO executive committee.

Jessica Dawson

Jessica Dawson has been a nurse for 16 years. She began her career as a new graduate nurse on the inpatient pulmonary unit at Children's Hospital Colorado and was a nurse on that unit for 12 years. She is now in the role of Clinical Specialty

Coordinator for the Ventilator Care Program, a program that serves pediatric patients that are tracheostomy and ventilator dependent. In the Clinical Specialty Coordinator role, she coordinates program specific care for patients in the Ventilator Care Program through care coordination, process improvement, quality improvement, and program development. She also provides education to families, staff, and community partners on the care of this patient population.

Amy Derr

Amy Derr has been a nurse in the ENT clinic at Nationwide Children's Hospital since 2019. She is one of the clinics charge nurses, a primary preceptor, and also helps with the trach team. Prior to that she worked at Akron Children's Hospital for 10 years

both in the float pool and Outpatient

Surgery Center.

Hema Desai, MS, CCC-SLP, BCS-S, CLEC, NTMTC

Hema Desai, MS, CCC-SLP, BCS-S, CLEC, NTMTC is an inpatient speech pathologist at CHOC Children's Hospital, working with infants and children with dysphagia and feeding disorders. She has presented at several

ASHA conventions and state conferences, as well as co-authored publications in peer-reviewed journals and a book chapter. She is vice co-chair of the Cardiac Newborn Neuroprotective Network, a special interest group in the Cardiac Neurodevelopmental Outcomes Collaborative. Her professional interests include pediatric dysphagia and working with infants with congenital heart defects.

John Dewey

John Dewey is a third-year otolaryngology resident at West Virginia University in Morgantown, WV. His research primarily focuses on surgical outcomes following pediatric sleep surgery.

Elizabeth Driscoll

Elizabeth Driscoll attends the Northwestern University Feinberg School Of Medicine.

Jennifer Drohosky, AuD

Jennifer Drohosky, AuD is the cochlear implant clinical practice specialist and pediatric audiologist at the Children's Hospital Colorado (CHCO). She has recently joined the pediatric vestibular team. Jennifer previously worked at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Seattle

Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Seattle Children's Hospital, and The Portland Hospital for Women and Children in the U.K., where she also served

as cochlear implant program manager. Jennifer was a past Chair of the American Board of Audiology (ABA) and served as Co-Chair of the Joint Task Analysis for Pediatric Audiology practice. She contributes volunteer involvement with the ABA through projects such as the review and revision of the Pediatric Audiology Specialty Certification exam. She is also a member of ACIA, SENTAC, CAA, and ASHA. Jennifer enjoys the abundance of Colorado's sunshine and blue skies by paddleboarding, hiking, skiing, and fly fishing.



Tracy Edwards, RT

Tracy Edwards, RT is a highly regarded Respiratory Therapist with over 25 years of experience in Respiratory Care. For the past ten years, Tracy has worked as a trach/ventilator educator and has worked diligently towards education

improvement and standardization. Tracy is dedicated to promoting excellence in respiratory therapy and advancing the profession through education, advocacy, and leadership.

Nour El Hidek, AuD CCC-A

Nour El Hidek, AuD CCC-A, is a Clinical Instructor of Audiology at the Medical University of South Carolina MUSC. She completed her undergraduate degree in Audiology at the American University of Beirut in Lebanon and graduated with her

masters in Speech-Language and Hearing Sciences and her Doctorate degree in Audiology from the University of Minnesota. She completed her clinical and research externship at Boystown National Research Hospital. Her clinical expertise includes pediatric and adult diagnostic testing, hearing aid evaluations, and vestibular and balance evaluations. She has a special interest in pediatric vestibular testing and research, where she initiated a Pediatric Vestibular and Balance program at MUSC.

Sarah Eldib, SLP

Sarah Eldib, SLP graduated from Teachers College, Columbia University in 2017 with a Master's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders. Sarah has developed a passion for the evaluation and treatment of pediatric feeding and

swallowing disorders in neonates, infants and children in the acute care setting. She currently works at NYU Hassenfeld Children's Hospital.

Hamdy El-Hakim, MB ChB, FRCS (Ed), FRCS (ORL), FRCS(C)

Hamdy El-Hakim, MB ChB, FRCS (Ed), FRCS (ORL), FRCS(C) graduated from Ain Shams University in Cairo, Egypt and his higher surgical training was completed in the United

Kingdom, whereas his Fellowship training was at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. He is a Professor at the Department of Surgery and the Pediatric Otolaryngology Fellowship Program Director

and founder. He is the leader and founder of the Pediatric Aerodigestive and Aspiration Program and co-leader of the Pediatric Tracheal surgery program at the Stollery Children's Hospital.

He has been the Clinical Research Director for the Department of Surgery at the University of Alberta for the past 12 years. His research interests are mainly sleep disordered breathing (sleep endoscopy in children), swallowing disorders and laryngeal mobility disorders (Clinical and basic science)

Jana Eller

Jana Eller. AuD attended the University of Texas at Dallas receiving her doctor of Audiology in 2018. Prior to this, she received her bachelors in 2014 from the University of Mississippi.

Amy Ensing

Amy Ensing is a third-year medical student at the Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine. currently taking a research year mentored by Dr. Judith E.C. Lieu. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience at the University of

Michigan in Ann Arbor. Amy plans on specializing in otolaryngology and is especially interested in pediatric otolaryngology. Her research interests include pediatric hearing loss and congenital anomalies of the ear, nose, and throat.

Koshma Eswaramoorthy, B.S.

Koshma Eswaramoorthy, B.S. is a third-year medical student at the University of Texas at Southwestern Medical School, Before medical school, she received her bachelor's in public health at UT Austin. Currently, she is interested in various

fields including ENT, Gastroenterology, and emergency medicine. She also seeks to incorporate global health in her future career choice.

LynnMarie Eyde, Au.D.,

LynnMarie Eyde, Au.D., is the manager of the Audiology Department at Phoenix Children's Hospital. She graduated from the University of Arizona in 2014 with her Doctorate in Audiology. Eight years ago, Lynn started working as an audiologist at

Phoenix Children's and within that time she has worked closely with Otolaryngology and the Newborn

Hearing Screening program.

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Louisa Ferrara-Gonzalez, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCS-S, CNT, CLC, NTMCT

Louisa Ferrara-Gonzalez, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCS-S, CNT, CLC, NTMCT has earned a doctoral degree in speech and language pathology and holds additional specialization as a:

Board Certified Specialist in Swallowing and Swallowing disorders; Board Certified Neonatal Therapist; Certified Lactation Counselor; Neonatal Touch & Massage Certified Therapist; and Trauma-Informed Professional. Dr. Louisa has over 15 years of clinical experience working with medically fragile infants and children. She manages the NICU Dysphagia Research Team at NYU Langone Hospital, Long Island Campus. As an active researcher, her and her team aim to advance the evidence to support appropriate feeding practices for infants admitted to the NICU and beyond. She publishes her research in high-standing, peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Louisa is an internationally sought out speaker on all topics related to neonatal/pediatric feeding and swallowing development and disorders. She supports NICU graduates through her multi-state private practice, Infant Feeding Specialists, Inc. and serves her community by offering free parent education classes, support groups and workshops.



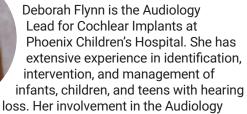
Erin W. Field, PA-C, is a Physician Assistant in the Division of Otolaryngology at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Thomas (T.C.) Flowers MD, MPH

Thomas (T.C.) Flowers MD, MPH is an assistant professor of otolaryngology at the Louisiana State University practicing at Children's Hospital of New Orleans. He recently completed a pediatric otolaryngology

fellowship at Boston Children's Hospital. His clinical interests include care of complex pediatric patients, complex sleep disorders and sinonasal and skull base disease processes in children.

Deborah Flynn



Team includes cochlear implants, hearing aids, pediatric audiological evaluations, ototoxic monitoring, evoked potentials, assistive listening technology, and newborn hearing screenings. Her clinic interests include a multidisciplinary team approach for children with cochlear implants and hearing aids. She presents on various audiological topics throughout Arizona. She has been an adjunct professor at AT Still University, Arizona School of Health Sciences and enjoys teaching students.

Renee Foerg, MS, CCC-SLP

Renee Foerg, MS CCC-SLP is a Speech-Language Pathologist at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City. Prior to moving to KC, she worked at Methodist Hospital in San Antonio, TX with both adult and pediatric populations. She is passionate

about providing care to medically complex populations and has spent a majority of her career focusing on creating individualized therapy plans related to dysphagia management and management of tracheostomy and vent dependent populations across level IV NICU, CICU and PICU populations.

Hillary Gazeley, AuD

Hillary Gazeley, AuD, first joined the Koss Cochlear Implant Program at the Medical College of Wisconsin in 2003. Her clinical focus has been primarily on cochlear implantation in the pediatric population supporting children and their families from the time

of initial evaluation through implantation and follow-up care from infancy into early adulthood. In addition to her time in the clinical setting, Dr. Gazeley has also worked in cochlear implant industry and has participated in cochlear implant education and research throughout her career. Hilary is a Wisconsin native and currently lives in the Milwaukee area with her family.

Mark Gerber, MD

Mark Gerber, MD is a pediatric otolaryngologist with expertise in the medical and surgical management of complex airway, voice and swallowing disorders in children.

He obtained his medical degree from Loyola University Chicago Stritch School

of Medicine and completed his residency in Otolaryngology at the University of Cincinnati and his fellowship in Pediatric Otolaryngology at Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati. Dr. Gerber is currently the Chief of Pediatric Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery at Phoenix Children's in Arizona and a Clinical Professor at both the University of Arizona College of Medicine-Phoenix and Creighton University School of Medicine and an Associate Professor at Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science.

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Beyond his thriving clinical practice, Dr. Kanotra is active in basic science research. His pursuits include investigations into tissue engineering and use of threedimensional bioprinting and its applications in airway reconstruction, airway injury models, and computational fluid dynamics. His dedication to advancing medical knowledge is equally evident in his outcomes research, which delves into open airway reconstructive techniques, pediatric dysphagia, and pioneering interventional laryngeal sonography. Furthermore, Dr. Kanotra has been a driving force behind the development of innovative endoscopic airway surgical techniques, and his involvement in patient safety initiatives Dr. Kanotra's impact reaches beyond clinical and research realms. He is a prominent advocate for humanitarian efforts on a global scale and dedicates his time to community-level engagement, spearheading education programs for children with tracheostomy needs. His international teaching and training efforts and contribution to the field of pediatric otolaryngology led him to be endowed with an honorary fellowship by the Indian academy of otolaryngology in 2023.

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Cochlear Implant Audiology Team. Prior to working at CHOA, she was the Manager of Audiology at Wake Forest University Baptist Health in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where she worked for 6 years. Kelly enjoys working with complex patients for whom hearing loss may not be their only challenge. She also enjoys working with families who are from different cultural backgrounds as they navigate the news of their child's hearing loss and the path to management. Kelly is passionate about collaboration with ENT surgeons, local Auditory Verbal Therapy programs, local school Audiologists, and Early Intervention team members who serve children in Georgia.

Lindsay A. Murray-Keane MS, CCC-SLP, IBCLC, CNT

Lindsay A. Murray-Keane M.S., CCC-SLP, IBCLC, CNT is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Speech-Language Pathology, New York Medical College (NYMC), Valhalla, New York. Mrs. Murray-Keane completed

her M.S. in Speech-Language-Pathology From New York Medical College and is a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist in New York and Connecticut. She is a certified member of American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA, CCC-SLP), international board-certified lactation consultant (IBCLC) as well as certified neonatal therapist (CNT). She has experience working with medically complex pediatric clients in diverse settings including acute care, outpatient clinics as well as specialty interdisciplinary clinic settings such as craniofacial team, Aerodigestive team and NICU follow up care. She has worked with clients throughout the lifespan with oral feeding challenges, dysphagia, as well as speech-language disorders/delays. Her special focus is on feeding and swallowing skills in neonates, providing family centered care, parental education and training to establish positive oral feeding experiences as well as developmental advancement. Lindsay has worked with the NYMC team to develop the advanced certificate of pediatric dysphagia to aid in the education and training of fellow SLPs to be prepared in their training and competency to aid in the assessment and treatment of pediatric clients to meet the community needs.

Rohit Nallani, MD

Rohit Nallani, MD is a chief resident at the University of Kansas otolaryngology-head and neck surgery program. Born in India and raised in Michigan, he graduated with a B.S. in Neuroscience and History from the University of Michigan. He

obtained his medical degree from Michigan State University College of Human Medicine with a certificate in Public Health. He will be starting a pediatric otolaryngology fellowship at Cincinnati Children's Hospital in 2025.

Kendyl Naugle

Kendyl Naugle is a second-year medical student at the University of California, San Diego. Her passions include working with DHH children and their families, educating about progressive hearing loss prevention, and engaging in research aiming to mitigate

health disparities experienced by vulnerable populations.

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Karli Negrin, MS, CCC-SLP

Karli Negrin, M.S., CCC-SLP is a Speech Language Pathologist and a dedicated member of the Cardiac Developmental Care Team at Nemours Children Health. She has nearly two decades of experience addressing feeding and swallowing

disorders of infants with congenital heart disease (CHD). She has a special interest in preserving the parent and infant dyad as it relates to feeding experiences as well as examining the impact of restrictive feeding on family quality of life. Karli serves as Co-Chair of the Cardiac Newborn Neuroprotective Network and is a steering committee member for the Cardiac Neurodevelopmental Outcomes Collaborative. She has contributed to multiple publications regarding feeding development for infants with CHD and is a nationally recognized speaker in content related to cardiac feeding challenges.

Jessica Newman

Jessica Newman is a Pediatric Speech-Language Pathologist with experience in supporting children with diverse communication and feeding challenges. She has a special interest in sensory/motorbased feeding disorders, breast- and

bottle-feeding difficulties, and auditory verbal training for cochlear implant users. She works in various multidisciplinary clinics, including Aerodigestive, Cochlear Implant and Ankyloglossia, to develop individualized therapy plans to enhance communication skills and promote optimal feeding skills and swallowing safety.

Laurie Newton, DNP

Laurie Newton, DNP is a certified pediatric nurse practitioner in acute and primary care and a member of the pediatric otolaryngology division at the Medical College of Wisconsin where she has practiced at Children's Wisconsin since 2006. She was recently

promoted to a formal faculty position at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Dr. Newton was recruited to the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Nursing after completing her Doctorate of Nursing Practice degree and has taught since 2015 as a clinical associate professor. Dr. Newton has a deep understanding of advanced practice providers' (APPs) needs and challenges through her own practice, teaching, and committee service as chair of the APN Discipline, chair of the Children's Specialty Group (CSG) Professional Development Committee and member of the Advanced Practice Provider(APP) leadership team at Children's Wisconsin. She has been an elected board member for the Society of Ears,

Nose, and Throat Advancements in Children (SENTAC),

a member of the education committee for the Society of Otolaryngology Head-Neck Nurses (SOHN), and a member of the Association of Postgraduate APRN Programs (APGAP). In addition to her clinical responsibilities, Dr. Newton is the Assistant Director of APPs with a core responsibility of developing and overseeing the centralized pediatric APP fellowship program at Children's Specialty Group. In addition to development of a centralized pediatric fellowship, during the Covid 19 pandemic her team received grant funding to look at improvement of orientation for new APPs hired into all pediatric specialty practice areas at MCW and CW, particularly looking at the leadership and professionalism needs of novice APPs. As faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Nursing, her scholarly work focuses on innovation in nursing education. Her dual roles as a clinical provider and nurse educator gives her first-hand experience with the needs of novice APPs, helping her to effectively lead development of clinical and professionalism training initiatives for new graduates and APP fellows.

Brian Nieves

Brian Nieves is a second-year medical student at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He passionate about research on social determinants of health and advancing health equity, particularly in underserved communities. He is excited

to attend his first SENTAC conference!

Emily Nightengale, Au.D., CCC-A, PASC

Emily Nightengale, Au.D., CCC-A, PASC, joined the Bill Daniels Center for Children's Hearing at Children's Hospital Colorado in July 2010 as an audiologist specializing in pediatric diagnostic evaluations and management.

Emily participates as an audiology team member on the Vestibular Team and as audiology lead for the Help for Hearing Device Users Clinic, and she has been actively working on quality improvement projects, publishing research, and participating in audiology student supervision and mentoring. Dr. Nightengale received her Doctor of Audiology degree from Rush University in Chicago, Illinois in June 2008.

Barbra Novak

Barbra Novak's clinical and research interests include newborn hearing screening, audiologic care in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI), congenital cytomegalovirus (cCMV), and Quality

Improvement (QI).



Frances M. Nowlen is a 2nd year medical student at Creighton University School of Medicine
-Phoenix with a strong interest in pediatric otolaryngology. She received her undergraduate degree in Neuroscience, BS and Songwriting minor

from the University of Southern California. She is passionate about improving outcomes for young patients through research and clinical practice in collaboration with Phoenix Children's Hospital.

Stephanie Olson, BA

Stephanie Olson, B.A., is the Family Consultant for the Bill Daniels Center for Children's Hearing at Children's Hospital, Colorado. Stephanie has been in this position for 20 years and serves as a liaison between families and the audiology health care system. Stephanie meets

with families through telehealth, during their audiology appointments, through the cochlear implant team and in ENT multi-disciplinary clinics. Previously she worked with families and children from birth to three through the Colorado Home Intervention Program and for Hands and Voices Headquarters. During 2009, she was part of a Children's Hospital Colorado team that traveled to London, South Africa, Brazil, and New Zealand presenting on best practices in Auditory Neuropathy. In her travels, Stephanie supported families and professionals in China, the Northern Mariana Islands, St. Petersburg, RU and throughout the US. Stephanie has spoken in Austria at the Family Centered Early Intervention Congress (FCEI) in 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2022 and received FCEI's Lifetime Achievement award in 2024. Stephanie was identified deaf/hard of hearing at the age of three and brings a variety of perspectives into her work and presentations.

Nate Page, MD

Nate Page, MD graduated from Brigham Young University with a degree in Linguistics before continuing on to medical school at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Dr. Page completed otolaryngology – head

and neck surgery residency at Washington University School of Medicine/Barnes-Jewish Hospital. Dr. Page then furthered his pediatric training through a pediatric otolaryngology fellowship at Rady Children's Hospital. After several years in private practice, he started the Division of Otolaryngology at Phoenix Children's Hospital in 2017. He is the director of the cochlear implant program at Phoenix Children's Hospital. In 2021, he became the EHDI Chapter Champion for the Arizona

chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. His practice involves caring for children with a wide variety of conditions, particularly children with ear and hearing problems and those with complex health care needs.

Bernadette M. Palmese, AuD

Bernadette M. Palmese, AuD is the manager of the Pediatric Audiology program at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital. She has spent much of her career diagnosing and treating both children and adults. She has a passion for pediatric cochlear implantation and

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Katy Peck, MA, CCC-SLP, BCS-S

Katy Peck, M.A. CCC-SLP, BCS-S is a Pediatric Speech-Language Pathologist recognized as a Board Certified Specialist in Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders and a Certified Lactation Educator with over 24

years of experience. Katy is an expert clinician, accomplished author, experienced professor, well-known presenter, and PhD student with a content focus on Professional Healthcare Education. She's an inpatient Clinical Lead at Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) with advanced knowledge in airway disorders and dysphagia management, responsible for the development of the FEES Clinic, SLP role on the aerodigestive team, and co-chaired the development of the Infant NG for Home Programs at CHLA.

Madeline Polson

Madeline Polson is a medical
student at LSU Health Shreveport.



Melissa Raines, MSN, CPNP, APNP

Melissa Raines, MSN, CPNP, APNP is a certified pediatric nurse practitioner & faculty instructor with the University of Colorado Department of Otolaryngology at Children's Hospital Colorado in Colorado Springs. She is

in her 15th year in pediatric otolaryngology & assisted in starting the ENT practice there along with the start of their multidisciplinary Cleft Lip & Palate team which continues to rapidly grow. In addition to Melissa's clinical responsibilities, she is the Lead Advanced Practice Provider for pediatric otolaryngology in Colorado Springs, a member of the Colorado Springs Core APP Committee, Professional Standards Committee, a member of the education committee for the Society of Otolaryngology Head-Neck Nurses (SOHN), one of the first APP members of the American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology (ASPO) & a member of the Society of Ears, Nose and Throat Advancements in Children (SENTAC). She is one of the co-authors for the SOHN Core Curriculum chapter on Pediatric Otolaryngology. Melissa also has a now retired therapy dog, Clifford who has a cleft lip & palate. She & her husband rescued Clifford after he was abandoned because of his cleft & continue to promote education & awareness about facial clefting in-person & through social media.

Neema Rashidi

Neema Rashidi is in his third year of the 5-year MS/MD track of the UCSF-UC Berkeley Joint Medical Program. His professional interests include studying congenital hearing loss, combating barriers to care, and understanding root causes of present-

day health disparities for hearing-related care.

Lucy Reising, AuD

Lucy Reising, AuD is a Wisconsin native that graduated with her doctorate in 2017 after her 4th year fellowship at Children's Wisconsin (beginning in 2016), where she has remained ever since. Lucy is passionate about providing patient-

centered, multi-disciplinary care and ensuring that kids have all of the tools they need to be successful.

Trevor Richardson

Trevor Richardson graduated with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy in 2017 at the University of Central Arkansas. After graduation, he practiced in underserved communities focusing on neurological and musculoskeletal disorders. Trevor is now a second-year

medical student at The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences where his primary research focus is treatment options for hearing loss in the pediatric population in low-income settings.

Claire Richardson, MD

Claire Richardson, MD is a pediatric otolaryngologist with board cetrification in Otolaryngolgoy- Head and Neck Surgery and in Complex Pediatric Otolaryngology. She currently practices in Phoenix, AZ at Phoenix Children's Hospital in the Division

of Pediatric Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery where she serves as Director of the Pediatric Voice Program and is a member of the aerodigestive and complex airway teams. She has teaching and academic affiliations with Mayo Clinic and the University of Arizona and serves as the pediatric otolaryngology site directors for the Mayo Clinic Phoenix otolaryngology residency program. She completed medical school at Loma Linda University, otolaryngology residency at Case Western Reserve University, and a pediatric otolaryngology fellowship at Seattle Children's Hospital, Following fellowship, she practiced at Seattle Children's Hospital and completed an NIH T32 training grant studying advanced imaging and computational fluid dynamics of the airway. Dr. Richardson's clinical and research interests include endoscopic and open airway surgery, aerodigestive pathology, voice disorders, craniofacial conditions, vascular anomalies, and tracheostomy management. She has won several awards for translational research looking at surgical planning and complex airway surgery. She also has an interest in 3D printing, simulation, and medical education and serves on the American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Simulation Education Committee, the Pediatric Otolaryngology Education Committee and the American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology Education Committee.

Scott Rickert, MD

Dr. Scott Rickert, MD is a pediatric otolaryngologist in New York, NY and has over 19 years of experience in the medical field. He graduated from Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons in 2004. He is affiliated with medical facilities

such as Phelps Hospital and Staten Island University Hospital. He is accepting new patients and telehealth appointments.



Allison Rollins is a current otolaryngology resident at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, and she obtained her medical degree from the University of Washington. Throughout her career she has developed interests in atric otolaryngology outcomes, serving

pediatric otolaryngology outcomes, serving Spanish speaking patients and families, as well as quality improvement measures to improve health care outcomes.



Sydney Sachse

Sydney is a medical student at McGaw Northwestern.



Gretchen Sackmann, AuD

Gretchen Sackmann, AuD is a pediatric audiologist at Children's Wisconsin. She is proud to have co-founded their inpatient audiology team, which is rapidly growing. She enjoys all areas of audiology, including research opportunities and precepting

students. Gretchen graduated with her Doctor of Audiology degree in 2008 from the University of Northern Colorado. She has really enjoyed serving on the SENTAC Board of Directors which continues through 2025. Gretchen lives with her husband and four children in Muskego, Wisconsin.



Colleen Schinderle, AuD

Colleen Schinderle, AuD is a fourth year medical student at Eastern Virginia Medical School applying to otolaryngology this Fall. She is originally from Norfolk, Virginia, and is a graduate of the University of Virginia.



Alyssa Schoenborn

Alyssa is a medical student at the Children's Hospital Colorado.



Lauren Schrenk, M.A., CCC-SLP is a Senior Speech-Language Pathologist and Certified Lactation Counselor at Texas Children's Hospital, where she specializes in evaluating and treating infants, toddlers, and children with complex feeding and swallowing

disorders. Her expertise includes working with breastfed and bottle-fed infants who have a range of conditions, such as genetic disorders, congenital heart defects, neurological disorders, craniofacial anomalies, and airway disorders. She also provides comprehensive care to infants and toddlers following discharge from the NICU, CICU, and PICU. Lauren is an integral member of several multidisciplinary teams at Texas Children's Hospital, including the Aerodigestive Team, Swallow Disorders Clinic, Head and Neck Tumor Program, Airway Clinic, and Trach/Vent Outpatient Clinic for PMV evaluations. She conducts objective swallow studies, including Video Fluoroscopic Swallow Studies and Flexible Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES), in both inpatient and outpatient settings. Additionally, she is passionate about mentoring and serving as a preceptor for students and new Speech-Language Pathologists.



Brooklyn Schultes

Brooklyn Schultes is a third-year doctoral student at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. She loves the diverse opportunities in audiology, particularly in areas like vestibular assessment and electrophysiology. Brooklyn values the

wide range of career paths within the field and enjoys attending conferences and learning about the latest advancements. She is passionate about advocating for both the audiology profession and her patients.

Panayiota Senekkis-Florent, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, BCS-S Panayiota Senekkis-Florent, Ph.D.,

Panayiota Senekkis-Florent, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, BCS-S is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Speech-Language Pathology at Duquesne University and the Program Director of the DU-PHAGIA Clinic. Dr.

Senekkis-Florent is a board-certified specialist in swallowing and swallowing disorders. She has a passion for working with infants and children with Pediatric Feeding Disorders (PFD) and has served this population in acute and sub-acute settings for over 25 years. Prior to her position at Duquesne University, she served as the Director of Pediatric Clinical Fellowship program and Assistant Professor in the department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the Johns Hopkins Hospital.



Jay Shah MD, FAAP FACS is the Medical Director of the Pediatric Aerodigestive Program at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital in Cleveland. He is an Associate Professor of Pediatric Otolaryngology at Case Western Reserve University in

Cleveland, Ohio. He is an alternate advisor for the AAO-HNS on the CPT committee. He is a practicing pediatric ENT with a focus on dysphagia, airway, and general pediatric ENT.



Leyn Shaktour

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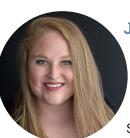
Eric Shawkey

Eric Shawkey is a fourth-year medical student at Georgetown University School of Medicine. He is in the process of applying for otolaryngology residency with the hopes of one day completing a pediatric ENT fellowship.



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Julian Bergen Smith, PhD, CCC-SLP, CLC

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Haven Hospital. She received her doctorate and master's degrees in Speech-Language Pathology from James Madison University. Dr. Smith's research investigates best practices for instrumental assessment of pediatric dysphagia, oral strength and sensation, and interprofessional practice in dysphagia management. Dr. Smith teaches courses on pediatric and adult Dysphagia, Medical Topics in Speech-Language Pathology, and Anatomy & Physiology of the Speech Mechanism.

Allie Soria, SLP

Allie Soria, SLP is a Pediatric Speech-Language Pathologist with the Koss Cochlear Implant Team at Children's Wisconsin. With over five years of experience, Allie conducts comprehensive speech and language evaluations and provides both in-person

and virtual therapy for children with hearing loss. She uses a whole-child approach to therapy, addressing not just the impact of hearing loss but also any underlying speech and language deficits. Allie works closely with Audiologists to ensure a comprehensive, multidisciplinary approach to patient care. She is passionate about empowering children to reach their communication potential and helping families support this growth



Rachel St. John is a board-certified pediatrician faculty through the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Department of Otolaryngology. She is the director of the Family-Focused Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children at Children's

Medical Center Dallas/UTSW Medical Center. The FFC provides support for families to make informed decisions regarding their children who are deaf/hard of hearing, as well as education and collaborative support to providers caring for these patients in keeping with national standards. She is a lecturer for both the UTSW school of medicine and the UTSW genetics counseling programs. She is currently the director of multiple quality improvement and oversight programs including pneumococcal vaccination practices for children with cochlear implants, timely audiology referrals for pediatric inpatients with bacterial meninigitis, and improving the developmental evaluation process for children who are deaf/hh with suspected autism. Dr. St. John served a term as an American Academy of Pediatrics delegate to the Joint Committee on Infant Hearing, and recently co-authored a new chapter of Outcomes for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children for the 22nd edition of Nelson's Textbook of Pediatrics.



Dani Stern

Dani Stern is a pediatric audiologist at Children's Hospital Colorado. Dani is a member of the Cochlear Implant team as well as the Vestibular team in Colorado Springs and has a special interest in multidisciplinary care for her patients with complex medical needs.

Wendy Steuerwald, AUD

Wendy Steuerwald, AUD is the Director of Audiology at Phoenix Children's. She works with audiologists to create an environment where exceptional patient care is provided. Professional leadership includes committee

responsibilities within the American Academy of Audiology and the American Speech Language Hearing Association. Wendy is a co author of the American Academy of Audiology cCMV position statement. Wendy enjoys audiology as it gives her the opportunity to improve the lives of others by direct patient care, and by working on system level changes such as cCMV awareness and screening initiatives across the country.

Melanie Stevens, MS/CCC-SLP, BCS-S

Melanie Stevens, MS/CCC-SLP, BCS-S, is a speech language pathologist and the clinical manager of the dysphagia and feeding program within the clinical therapies division at Nationwide Children's Hospital in

Columbus, Ohio. She has been practicing for 26 years as a speech language pathologist.

Emily Stoddard, MS, CCC-SLP

Emily Stoddard, M.S., CCC-SLP is a clinician and educator who specializes in pediatric medical speech language pathology. She is a Senior Speech Language Pathologist at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore where she evaluates and treats

feeding, swallowing, speech/language, and resonance disorders in pediatric patients. She played a key role in establishing the interdisciplinary VPD clinic and craniofacial teams at Montefiore, where she continues to foster collaboration among various services to provide seamless care for complex pediatric patients with resonance and speech challenges. Emily holds a Bachelor of Arts in Cognitive Science from Brown University and a Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology from Teachers College at Columbia University. She is an assistant adjunct professor at New York Medical College, where she lectures on pediatric feeding and swallowing disorders in the Certificate in Pediatric Dysphagia program, as well as instructs graduate students on craniofacial conditions and related speech, resonance, and feeding disorders in academic and clinical roles.

Cecille Sulman

Dr. Sulman is a Professor at the Medical College of Wisconsin, and practices pediatric otolaryngology at the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. She serves as the Chief of the Division of Pediatric Otolaryngology as well as Associate

Chief Medical Information Officer at Children's Wisconsin. Dr. Sulman is board certified in Otolaryngology, Sleep, and Complex Pediatric Otolaryngology. In addition to her complex pediatric otolaryngology practice, Dr. Sulman's additional interests include Surgical Sleep and Airway Surgery. Dr. Sulman completed her medical school and residency at Case Western Reserve University, and a pediatric otolaryngology fellowship through Northwestern University. She leads a practice of 11 otolaryngologists and 10 advanced practice providers who see patients in Milwaukee, Delafield, Kenosha, Greenfield, New Berlin, Mequon, and Appleton.

Yukta Sunkara

Yukta Sunkara is a undergraduate research assistance from University of Texas as Austin.



Kailey Sutton, AuD graduated from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan in 2016. Since graduating, Kailey has continued to be part of the Texas Children's Hospital team as a clinical specialist audiologist. Kailey's areas of interest include

diagnostic management of neurodiverse children, management of hearing devices, and the multidisciplinary care of children with medical complexities.

Alexander Szymczak

Alexander Szymczak is a second-year medical student at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine with interests in otolaryngology and global health. Originally from the Chicago suburbs, Alexander completed his undergraduate

studies at Miami University, where he earned bachelor degrees in biochemistry and economics, complemented by a minor in Spanish.

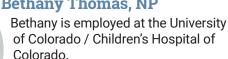
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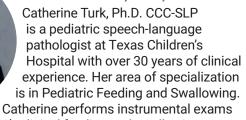


Dana Thompson, MD

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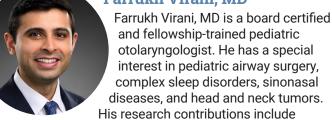
(VFSS), clinical feeding and swallowing evaluations, and provides evidence-based dysphagia therapy services. Helping medically complex patients and their families is the most rewarding part of her career. Additionally, Catherine has always had a passion for teaching and mentoring. She served as an assistant professor at the University of Houston. Throughout her career, Catherine has provided numerous presentations, participated in research projects, and co-authored two chapters in "Pediatric Dysphagia: Challenges and Controversies". Her research interests include understanding the associated swallowing disorders and patterns in patients with genetic syndromes. Kayla Turner, BS, is a fourth-year Doctor of Audiology (AuD) student at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders from Arkansas State University. Currently, Ms. Turner is undertaking her fourth-year externship at St. Louis Children's Hospital in Missouri. Upon her anticipated graduation in May 2025, she aspires to remain in the St. Louis area and begin her professional career as a pediatric audiologist. Ms. Turner is particularly passionate about the patient interaction component of pediatric audiology, finding that working with children consistently brings positivity and joy to her professional experience.

Taher Valika, MD

Taher Valika, MD, is a pediatric otolaryngologist at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, where he is the Medical Director of the Aerodigestive program, one of the nation's largest airway reconstruction programs. His academic expertise is in

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Farrukh Virani, MD



several peer-reviewed publications, book chapters, and conference presentations. His current research focuses on recalcitrant obstructive sleep apnea, hypoglossal nerve stimulation in the pediatric

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population, laryngeal clefts, and tracheostomy placement in premature infants. He plays an active role in medical education and curriculum design for medical students, residents and fellows. Dr. Virani is also currently pursuing a Master of Public Health at the Harvard T.H. Chan School with the aim to contribute to Medicare and Medicaid policy work, combining clinical expertise, research acumen, and policy interests to position himself as a forward-thinking leader in pediatric otolaryngology and healthcare reform.

Cynthia Wang, MD

Cynthia Wang, M.D. is a pediatric otolaryngologist at UT Southwestern Medical Center with an interest in complex pediatric airway and aerodigestive disorders and complex pediatric OSA. She received her medical degree at Duke University. She completed her residency at UT Southwestern

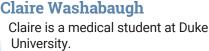
and her fellowship in pediatric otolaryngology at Cincinnati Children's.

Christina N. Ward, MD, MSc

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> Claire Washabaugh Claire is a medical student at Duke University.



Julia Welc MA, CCC-SLP

Julia Welc M.A., CCC-SLP has been a Speech-Language Pathologist in the Center for Childhood Communication at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for over 20 years and currently serves as a clinical inpatient supervisor. Her specialty areas include

complex infant dysphagia with specific focus within the Neonatal and Cardiac ICUs where she provides ongoing therapeutic interventions as well as

mentorship to staff. She is a lead clinician within the Center for Pediatric Airway Disorders where she provides assessments for patients with complex airways and those undergoing airway reconstruction. Julia participates in research activities within the hospital and is a member of the Chronic Lung Disease Collaborative as well as presents at local and national conferences.

Susie Willette, MS, CCC-SLP

Susie Willette, M.S. CCC-SLP is a Clinician II speech language pathologist at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago with 22 years of experience. Her current clinical focus involves neurodevelopmental care and dysphagia

therapy in the congenital heart population with a specialty focus on the single ventricle and Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS) populations. Susie additionally is an active member of Lurie Children's Flexible Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES) team, participating in both inpatient and outpatient FEES exams with a focus on staff training. She is a member of the Cardiac Neurodevelopmental Outcomes Collaborative SIG Cardiac Newborn Neuroprotective Network (CNNN) group and has published on topics that include breast feeding and FEES as well as neurodevelopmental care in the cardiac intensive care unit.

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Paul Willging, M.D. is Professor of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. He is the Director of Clinical Operations for the Pediatric Otolaryngology Division. He is the Director of the

Pediatric Otolaryngology Fellowship Training Program. Dr. Willging has served as the Director of the Interdisciplinary Feeding Team since 1999, and is also an active participant in numerous other multidisciplinary programs, including the Aerodigestive and Esophageal Center, the Craniofacial Anomaly Team, the Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing Safety Clinic, and the Velopharyngeal Insufficiency Clinic. Dr. Willging has numerous peer-reviewed clinical and research publications and has been a longstanding contributor to textbooks on a wide range of otolaryngology topics, particularly feeding and swallowing disorders. He has published a textbook with Claire Miller, PhD and Aliza Cohen, MA entitled Pediatric Dysphagia: Etiologies, Diagnosis and Management.



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