

39th Annual F. Johnson Putney Lectureship in Head and Neck Cancer

October 24, 2025



COURSE AGENDA

8:00am **Registration**

8:25 **Welcome**

8:30 **Designing Patient-centered Trials for Head and Neck Cancer Survivors**

Evan Graboyes, M.D.

Explain key principles for designing and conducting informative, rigorous, patient-centered clinical trials among head and neck cancer survivors

8:45 **De-intensification for HPV-OPSCC: Why is it NOT Standard of Care Yet?**

Bhishamjit Chera, M.D.

Discuss why de-intensification is not standard of care

9:05 **TORS in the Era of De-escalation: Redefining the Role of Surgery in HPV-positive OPSCC**

Amanda Gemmiti, M.D.

Use TORS as a tool to guide personalized adjuvant therapy decisions; Identify appropriate candidates for upfront TORS; Integrate emerging evidence and clinical trial data

9:20 **Neoadjuvant Immunotherapy: From cSCC to HNSCC**

John Kaczmar, M.D.

Define situations where neoadjuvant immunotherapy may benefit patients; Discuss most up to date evidence for neoadjuvant immunotherapy

9:35 **Keynote: Landscape of Current and Emerging Biomarkers for Head and Neck Cancer**

Ranee Mehra, M.D.

Discuss the clinical relevance of the PDL1 CPS score; Describe potential actionable somatic alterations in head and neck cancer; Explain possible biomarkers which are worthy of further study in head and neck cancers

10:05 **Q&A**

10:20 **Break with exhibitors**

10:35 **Keynote: Basic Principles of I-131 for Thyroid Cancer**

Robert Amdur, M.D.

Name the two main types of thyroid cancer based on cell of origin; List the subtypes of thyroid cancer that usually concentrate Iodine; Identify major indications for adjuvant I-131 for thyroid cancer

11:05 **Judicious Use of Radioactive Iodine in Differentiated Thyroid Cancer**

Jyotika Fernandes, M.D.

Discuss treatment goals for use of RAI; Define variables that influence the decision to indicate radioiodine therapy; Recognize molecular profiles that are likely to be more susceptible or resistant to RAI therapy

11:25 **Roundtable: Management of Advanced Head and Neck Cancers**

Jason Newman, M.D.

Panelists: Drs. Adilbay, Amdur, Bobian, Kazmar, Mehra

Review current multidisciplinary strategies for the management of advanced head and neck cancers, including surgical, systemic, and radiation approaches; Evaluate recent evidence and emerging therapies that influence treatment sequencing and patient selection in advanced disease; -Apply principles of supportive care and survivorship to optimize quality of life and functional outcomes in patients with advanced head and neck cancers

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12:10pm	Lunch
12:40	Risk Stratification of Oral Premalignant Lesions Using Molecular Fluorescent Imaging <i>Dauren Adilbay, M.D., PhD</i> Describe advances in fluorescent molecular imaging and define the potential use of fluorescent imaging in ENT practice for diagnosing premalignant lesions; Discuss future implications of molecular fluorescent imaging on routine ENT practice.
12:55	I See Green: Intra-operative use of Indocyanine Green and Near Infrared Spectroscopy in Head and Neck Surgery <i>Quinn Self, M.D.</i> Define near infrared spectroscopy; discuss indications for implementation of indocyanine green in head and neck surgery, describe techniques for successful implementation of indocyanine green in head and neck surgery
1:10	Functional and Oncologic Outcomes Following Robotic Assisted Salvage Surgery for Oropharyngeal Cancer <i>Michael Bobian, M.D.</i> Outline recent advances in salvage oropharynx surgery; Describe functional outcomes following robotic salvage surgery with free flap reconstruction; Discuss roles for improvement and ongoing research to maximize functional and oncologic outcomes
1:25	Q&A
1:40	Innovative Updates on Head and Neck Reconstruction <i>Byung Joo Lee, DDS, MBA, FAAMP</i> Discuss latest updates on Head and Neck Reconstruction and future directions
1:55	RECONSTRUCTIVE PANEL: "What Would You Do NOW?": A Discussion of Challenging Reconstructive Cases <i>Judith M. Skoner, M.D.</i> Panelists: Drs. Albergotti, Kejner, Lee, Wax and Ms. Julie Blair Discuss various approaches to troubleshooting reconstructive dilemmas; Describe potential options for challenging midface reconstructions
2:40	Break with Exhibitors
2:55	The History of Microvascular Free Flap Reconstruction for Oral Cavity Defects <i>Alexandra E. Kejner, M.D., FACS</i> Recall the history of oral cavity reconstruction; Describe early techniques of reconstruction and their complications; Compare new techniques to prior attempts at reconstruction
3:10	Surgical Dilemmas in Reconstructive Surgery <i>Mark K Wax, M.D.</i> Discuss etiology and management of flaps that cannot be raised or revascularized during the operative procedure; Describe the various management paradigms after encountering a failed flap in the operating room; Compare various uses of 3D modeling with patient-specific plates and maxillofacial reconstruction
4:05	Awards
4:15	Adjourn