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2014 AAOA Basic Course in Allerqy & Immunology
July 9-12, 2014
Philadelphia, PA

2014 AAOA Annual Scientific Meeting September 19-21, 2014 Orlando, FL

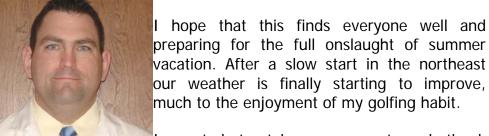
23rd Annual Topics in the Tropics: A CME Conference for Primary Care Providers

December 10-13, 2014 Paradisus Cancun Resort

2014 AAOA Advanced Course in

### Message From the President

Greetings SPAO members,



I wanted to take a moment and thank everyone who participated in the recent SPAO conference in Pittsburgh. I feel safe in saying

that this was by far our best meeting to date. The feedback we have received thus far has been nothing short of outstanding. It wouldn't be appropriate not to acknowledge Marie Gilbert and Jose Mercado for all of their hard work and dedication. The amount of time and energy these two commit to our annual meeting is nothing short of extraordinary. Ryan Marovich also deserves a significant amount of credit for serving as our liaison with the University of Pittsburgh and for the awesome advanced otology workshops that he put together. While impossible to name everyone, I would also like to sincerely thank everyone who lectured, helped to proctor workshops, introduce speakers and in general contribute to the success of the meeting. We are only as strong as our membership and there is no question that we are continuing to improve every year. Thank you!



This year we had more workshops than ever before and were able to offer additional topics to expand the learning experience. As we continue to grow as an organization it is important that we hear feedback from you, our membership, with regards to what you would like to see in the future. Our goal for upcoming meetings is to continue the basic and advanced track lecture series to accommodate all levels of experience.

Coming off of the coat-tails of the Pittsburgh meeting I am happy to report that we have been solicited by additional departments around the country to consider bringing our meeting to new and exciting locations. We hope to move to the west coast in 2014 and are currently looking into options for meeting locations. There is also a strong possibility that we will move to Chicago or a similar Midwest location in 2016. If you are interested in possibly bringing a future annual meeting to your city, please let us know!

I hope that everyone has a safe and healthy summer and I look forward to continually improving our organization in the upcoming months.

Warmest wishes

Jason Fowler, MPAS, PA-C President

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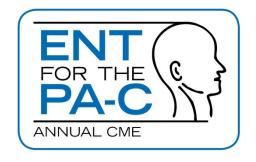
For additional information on logging your hours through NCCPA, please visit their <u>website</u>. By logging your hours through the Conference Logging Link, your hours are verified, and thereby not audited by NCCPA.

NCCPA service representatives are available 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. EST Monday-Friday to help answer any questions you may have. The NCCPA customer service line is 678-417-8100.

## American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (AAO-HNS)

The Society of Physician Assistants in Otorhinolaryngology–Head and Neck will have a booth at the annual meeting in Orlando, Florida September 21st-23rd. If you are interested in helping to staff the booth for a few hours on any of the EXPO dates of September 21st, 22nd, or 23rd please contact Marie Gilbert.

#### 2015 ENT For the PA-C



Have you ever wanted to expand your knowledge base and skill set in the emergency or primary care setting? The Society of Physician Assistants in Otolaryngology offers the perfect CME course for anyone looking to learn basic and advanced ear, nose & throat procedures. Join us at the annual "ENT for the PA-C" meeting in the spring of 2015. Date and location to be determined. Check in at our website, entpa.org, for update soon!

Previous meetings: Pittsburgh, PA – 2014 New York City – 2013 Alexandria, VA – 2012 Atlanta - 2011

Workshops have included skills like epistaxis management, I&D of peritonsillar abscess, foreign body removal, cerumen removal, fine needle aspiration, tracheostomy care, nasolaryngoscopy, I&D of auricular hematoma, and evaluation of vertigo, dizziness, and hearing loss.

Lectures are separated into general, basic, and advanced tracks allowing for an educational meeting with something for everyone. Whether you work in Urgent Care or have been in ENT for 30 years, this meeting is not to be missed.

Basic track lectures cover everything from common ENT emergencies and the treatment of GERD to hearing loss and management of chronic sinus disease.

For experienced ENT providers, the advanced lecture topics by nationally and world-renowned otolaryngologists provide up-to-date information on treatment guidelines and cutting edge ENT technology. Join us for a meeting packed with CME hours and practical, useful information!

### **SPAO Scholarship Award Winners**

The Society of Physician Assistant's in Otolaryngology offers a scholarship(s) every year for a motivated physician assistant student that is enrolled in a PA or post graduate program that displays a strong interest in ENT. Since the scholarship program was initiated in 2005, there have been 3 recipients of the scholarship that have chosen ENT as their career path. I would like to congratulate the two recipients of the 2014 scholarship award, Rebecca Gene Ho and Constance A. Wagner.



Both recipients are currently enrolled in the University Of Florida School Of Physician Assistant Studies and have a strong background related to ENT. Their hard work and dedication to the field is well recognized by both their professors and preceptors. Rebecca and Constance will make a wonderful addition to the community of physician assistants who practice in otolaryngology if they decide to pursue this career path. The SPAO-HNS organization congratulates you on your accomplishments and wishes you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Ryan Marovich, MPAS, PA-C



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The Society of Physician Assistants in Otorhinolaryngology–Head and Neck would like to thank the AAO-HNS for their continued support and guidance. The AAO-HNS and its foundation work to advance the art, science, and the ethical practice of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery through education, research and lifelong learning.

We would also like to send a special thank you to Dr. Karen Pitman for all of her continued support and encouragement.

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