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President's Report

Amber Luong, MD,
PhD, FARS

Dear Colleagues,

One of the most impactful initiatives of our society in recent years has been its commitment to fostering international collaboration. While this effort began several years ago, its influence has become most notable over the last couple of years, reflecting the ARS's dedication to promoting global excellence in rhinology.

A key component of this initiative is the establishment of Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with leading rhinology societies worldwide. These agreements aim to initiate academic collaborations between our respective organizations, creating opportunities for shared education, research, and clinical insights. ARS now proudly maintains MOUs with:

- All India Rhinologic Societies
- Thailand Rhinologic Society
- Korean Rhinologic Society
- Brazilian Rhinologic Academy
- Saudi Arabia Rhinologic Societies
- ASEAN Rhinologic Society
- Chilean Rhinologic Society

In addition to these formal partnerships, ARS has significantly increased its presence at international meetings. For many years, we have enjoyed a strong relationship with the European Rhinologic Society, regularly hosting symposia at their meetings. More recently, ARS has expanded its

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Be sure to attend the ARS at COSM Meeting in Phoenix, AZ on April 25-26, 2026!

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Executive Vice President Report

Brent Senior, MD, FACS, FARS



Happy 2026 Everyone!

Growing our Society in size and influence while strengthening it financially are two key goals for me in my role as Executive Vice President. In this edition of Nose News, I want to highlight two ways that this is starting to happen.

Corporate Outreach Training-

The ARS launched a new initiative this fall under the direction of Greg Davis, Vice President of Development and Strategic Initiatives: "Corporate Outreach Training."

This dynamic program aims to introduce our corporate partners to the field of rhinology while sharing our perspectives on CRS and its management. For our inaugural events, we partnered with Sanofi and Regeneron; nearly 150 of their leaders attended lectures on CRS and endoscopic sinus surgery and participated in hands-on simulation experiences. This program will serve as a template for future events with other companies, providing rhinologic education while strengthening ties with our corporate partners and showcasing

the American Rhinologic Society as the source of rhinologic education.

Young Rhinologists Section - I am very proud to officially welcome the American Rhinologic Society's newest section, the "Young Rhinologists Section." This group represents the needs of early-career rhinologists—in both academic and private practice—within their first seven years of practice. Under their first Chairperson, Erin Lopez, MD, of San Antonio, Texas, we are excited that this dynamic group now has an official home within the society. We look forward to the amazing contributions they will make. Welcome, Young Rhinologists!

Finally, **Strategic Planning** with ARS leadership will take place in Orlando, Florida, on January 24 and 25, 2026, following the Triological Society Combined Sectional Meeting, allowing us to build on great initiatives like these. Our last planning session occurred five years ago in the midst of the COVID pandemic, and much has changed since then. Our society is now better positioned to move forward as the leader in rhinology education, research, and advocacy. I look forward to bringing you updates once these important sessions conclude.

President's Report, cont'd.

participation to include RhinoForum in Poland, the International Congress of Korean Rhinologic Society Meeting, and the ASEAN Meeting, among others.

This engagement has been reciprocated, with a growing number of international colleagues serving as faculty at ARS meetings. Their contributions provide invaluable perspectives on the global variations in rhinologic diseases and management strategies. This exchange of knowledge ultimately enhances patient care and advances the field worldwide.

During my tenure, I remain committed to supporting and expanding these endeavors. By strengthening our international ties, we ensure that the ARS continues to lead in fostering collaboration, innovation, and excellence in rhinology across the globe.

Live and Ancillary Education Course Committee Report

Angela Donaldson, MD; Committee Chair



The Live and Ancillary Education Course Committee has continued to organize quality educational programming for Otolaryngology residents. This year's annual Resident

Dissection Course was held on October 9th and 10th at the Indianapolis Marriott East, in Indiana. The course had another successful junior and senior level track, which has allowed for more trainee-specific panels and lectures. This year the committee worked tirelessly to create an ARS Resident Dissection Course cadaver manual to accompany the course. With

the support of Stryker, we were able to give these manuals to all course participants. Other highlights from this year's course include a keynote presentation from ARS President, Dr. Amber Luong, on allergic fungal rhinosinusitis. Registration for the 2026 course is expected to open in the summer of 2026.

The annual ARS Rhinology Fellows Course was held in Chicago on May 2nd and 3rd. Incoming fellows enjoyed a weekend of panels and cadaver dissection. The case-based format has been highly successful and has allowed for more interactive sessions. Many thanks to the course directors Drs. Seth Brown, Joey Raviv, and Dana Crosby for putting together another exceptional

course. The Live and Ancillary Education Committee would like to express a deep gratitude of thanks to Dr. Seth Brown who will be rotating off of the course director role after 14 years of service.

The Live and Ancillary Education Course Committee would like to thank our outgoing committee members for their service, including Patrick Colley. The committee would also like to acknowledge our current committee members including Christopher Brook, Victoria Lee, Stephanie Joe, Daniel Alicea, Katie Melder, Anthony DelSignore, Ashoke Khanwalkar, Ian Koszewski, Jagatkumar Patel, and Carolyn Orgain.

Calling All Advanced Practice Providers! RAPPers Section Update

Emily Moldoff, FNP-C, RAPPers Section Chair



The ARS is excited to welcome members to the newly created **Rhinology Advanced Practice Providers (RAPPers) Section**. This discounted membership is designed specifically for Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants

interested in connecting, collaborating, and growing within the field of rhinology and otolaryngology.

As a RAPPers member, you'll enjoy all the benefits of ARS membership, along with APP-specific CME opportunities and dedicated programming. We're also planning exclusive APP social and educational events at the **2026 Summer Sinus Symposium** in Miami, Florida,

and we'd love for you to be part of it.

Join us as we build community, elevate APP practice, and help shape the future of rhinologic care together! For more information, check out our Instagram at [@rappers_rhinologic or email us at \[arsrappers@gmail.com\]\(mailto:arsrappers@gmail.com\). You may also register as an Advanced Practice Provider at <https://amrs.memberclicks.net>.](https://www.instagram.com/@rappers_rhinologic)

Skull Base & Orbital Surgery Section (SBOS) Report

Elisa Illing, MD, Information Officer/Secretary and Garret Choby, MD, Committee Chair



Elisa Illing, MD



Garret Choby, MD

It was fantastic to reconnect with everyone at the Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, and we're excited to share updates on what's ahead for our vibrant group. Our executive council is actively planning an engaging Skull Base Jeopardy session at COSM 2026—stay tuned, as more details will be announced soon! Also coming up in March 2026 is the Olfactory Neuroblastoma Patient Education Day

— March 21, 2026 in Bethesda, MD, along with the International Sinonasal Collaborative Meeting organized by Nyall London, March 19-20, 2026 at NIH in Bethesda, MD. A resident and fellow dissection course is offered as a part of this meeting, so please share this information with interested trainees.

We recently reached out to SBOS members with a survey to vote on topics for our upcoming Summer Webinar Educational Series. Your input is invaluable, and we look forward to announcing the selected topic and schedule soon. We also appreciate our industry partners, whose support continues to enhance these educational sessions.

Looking ahead to the 2026 Annual Meeting, the executive council is organizing a lively happy hour focused on ergonomics in skull base

surgery. We're gathering expert speakers from occupational safety and physical therapy to share insights and best practices—thanks to all who contributed speaker suggestions!

To celebrate the growth of our section, we're developing exclusive SBOS swag for members. If you have creative design ideas or specific items you'd like to see, please reach out to Sanjeet Rangarajan or Garret Choby—we'd love your input!

Finally, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Dennis Tang for his dedicated service as Member-at-large over the past two years, and warmly welcome Katie Melder, who was elected to this pivotal role in October.

Thank you for your ongoing enthusiasm and engagement. We look forward to another exciting year together!



ARS 15th Annual Summer Sinus Symposium

*Best Sinus Course in the World:
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July 24-26, 2026
Loews Miami Beach Hotel,
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Highlights:

- Women in Rhinology Networking Event
- Cadaver Prosections
- Allergy Program
- Signature Event
- Symposia Sessions

The Women in Rhinology (WiR) Section Winter 2025 Update

Devyani Lal, MD, WiR Section Chair



Devyani Lal, MD

Celebrating Progress, Inspiring the Future:

As we step into 2026, our hearts are filled with gratitude and pride for all that WiR accomplished in 2025. United by purpose, our community

championed networking, leadership, and mentorship for women dedicated to advancing rhinologic care. Together, we broke new ground—empowered by the unwavering support of ARS leadership, our industry partners, and the generosity of those who believe in our mission. We sincerely appreciate the consistent and strong support of the ARS Executive Leadership, and our colleagues. Their leadership inspires us to reach higher and dream bigger. We are also proud and thankful for the leadership of Dr. Amber Luong, ARS President and former WiR section chair.

Empowering Events

- **Leadership Development Workshop:**

At the Annual meeting,

we launched “Enhancing Essential Leadership Skills,” a WiR-sponsored workshop made possible by a grant from Regeneron. This transformative program fostered team building, strategic thinking, and the courage to lead change. Enthusiastic feedback ensures its return at the 2026 annual meeting in Los Angeles.

- **Panel on Resilience:** “When Life Gets in the Way of Career and Normalcy,” moderated by Dr. Stephanie Joe, WiR chair elect, featured Drs Regan Bergmark, Carolyn Orgain, and Timothy Smith—sharing wisdom for navigating life’s challenges with grace and determination.
- **“Career Growth and Development—A Panel Based Discussion of Real-World Scenarios”** at COSM was conducted in partnership with the membership and diversity committees, supported by Aerin Medical.
- **Networking event “Developing Organizational Savvy”** was held at Summer Sinus Symposium and was supported by Stryker.

Honoring Achievements

- **Research Grant:** Congratulations to Dr. Lauren Roland, for receiving the 2025 WiR research grant, supported by Medtronic, for pioneering work in invasive fungal sinusitis.
- **Travel Grant:** Applause for Dr. Brooke Gleason and Dr. Christina Dorismund, recipients of the WiR travel grant, for outstanding research in chronic rhinosinusitis

Looking Ahead:

The WiR Section of the ARS wishes every member a joyful new year! We eagerly anticipate contributing to upcoming ARS meetings in Phoenix, Miami, and Los Angeles. Your ideas for panels and sessions are the seeds of our future—please share them!

We welcome Dr. Dara Adams as our new Member-At-Large, and extend heartfelt thanks to Dr. Ashleigh Halderman for exemplary service. With several WiR Governing Council positions opening next year, we encourage you to step forward—your leadership can shape the future of our field.

ARS Spring Meeting at COSM - Phoenix, AZ

Marc G. Dubin, MD, FARS; President-Elect, American Rhinologic Society



The American Rhinologic Society is gearing up for an outstanding Spring Meeting in 2026, and I’m pleased

to share the details and formally invite you to join us. The ARS Spring Meeting will be held in Phoenix, Arizona, in conjunction with COSM, on April 25–26, 2026, at the Phoenix Convention Center.

This meeting has always been a cornerstone of our society’s academic mission, and 2026 will be no exception. We expect an engaged audience of rhinologists, skull base surgeons, and researchers from across the broader rhinology community. The program will highlight the latest science, evolving clinical paradigms, and emerging

technologies shaping the future of our field.

Meeting Layout

The schedule for the 2026 Spring Meeting is designed to maximize productivity, engagement, and collaboration. The Board of Directors meeting will take place on Friday afternoon, followed by a full day of scientific and educational sessions on Saturday. The comprehensive and efficient program will conclude after the Sunday morning session.

Program Highlights

Attendees can look forward to a strong lineup of presentations across the full breadth of rhinologic practice and research. Topics will span allergy and immunology, basic science advancements, chronic rhinosinusitis, pediatric rhinology, and skull base surgery. In addition, expert panels

and ARS section–driven sessions will provide in-depth discussion, practical insights, and collaboration across subspecialties. These sessions are designed to showcase current evidence, explore emerging data, and stimulate meaningful conversation that advances our specialty.

This year’s Spring Meeting will continue the ARS tradition of spotlighting innovation, promoting collaboration, and strengthening the academic foundation of our field. Whether your focus is basic science, clinical research, surgical technique, or translational discovery, this meeting provides the platform to learn, engage, and help shape the future of rhinology.

We look forward to welcoming you to Phoenix for what promises to be an exceptional and energizing conference.

Rhinologists in Private Practice (RiPP): Leading the Way in Education and Innovation

Chris Davis, MD, FACS, RiPP Information Officer



As 2025 ends and 2026 approaches, RiPP continues to gain momentum and grow, now with over 190 members. With the launch of new Rhinocasts, innovative in-office programming, and an increasingly prominent presence at ARS meetings, RiPP is setting the pace for practice-based education and engagement in the field of rhinology.

Fall ARS Meeting Highlights

RiPP members played a significant role at the ARS Fall Meeting in Indianapolis, shaping crucial conversations around office-based rhinology, multidisciplinary care, and practice management. Their active participation continues to amplify the voice of private practice rhinologists within the broader ARS community.

Of particular note were two panels led by RiPP leaders:

- Mary Ashmead's panel: "Advances and Obstacles in In-Office Rhinologic Procedures: Technology and Coding" explored both the promise of emerging in-office tools and the practical realities of coding and reimbursement.
- Leah Hauser's panel: "Bridging Airways: Integrating Care for Patients with Sinonasal Disease and OSA" emphasized collaborative, airway-centered care models that integrate rhinology and sleep medicine.
- Community and Networking: Networking and collegial support remain central to RiPP's mission. The recent networking event in Indianapolis, generously sponsored by AstraZeneca and Hemostasis, highlighted the importance of bringing private practice rhinologists together to share experiences, troubleshoot challenging cases, and discuss real-world business issues

in a relaxed, informal setting. Such engagement will continue to be a priority for RiPP moving forward

Upcoming Rhinocast Series

RiPP remains dedicated to providing practical, high-yield educational content with two RiPP Rhinocasts scheduled in 2026 and the second annual in-office rhinologic procedures course.

The Rhinocast series continues to be a cornerstone of RiPP's educational offerings:

- January 12th Rhinocast: Titled "CRSwNP: Where Has It Been, Where Is It Going". This session will be moderated by David Yen with featured panelists Greg Davis, Leah Hauser, and Paul Radabaugh. This educational event will be sponsored by Regeneron. This interactive session will walk through practical, case-based approaches to selecting and sequencing biologic therapies for patients with chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyps and related comorbid disease. It will focus on identifying appropriate candidates, comparing available biologic options, and discussing real-world strategies for assessing response and determining when to continue, switch, or discontinue treatment.
- February 25th Rhinocast: Titled "Incorporating Allergy Into Your Practice". This session will be moderated by Doug Reh with featured panelists Chris Davis, Cecilia Demask, and Chadi Makary. The event sponsor will be BioTek. This Rhinocast will delve into both operational and clinical aspects of adding allergy services to a rhinology-focused practice. It will discuss options such as hiring an allergist, developing an internal allergy program, or collaborating with third-party allergy service providers.
- Please keep an eye out for upcoming ARS communications for the scheduled times for these Rhinocast

presentations and information on how to register.

Upcoming Second Annual RiPP In-Office Based Sinus Surgery Course

On March 27-28, RiPP will host the second annual RiPP Office Based Rhinology Course at the Integra laboratory in Princeton, NJ. The event will again feature a nationally diverse group of early career private practice rhinologists and ENT surgeons seeking to expand their expertise in office-based care and practice growth. Course faculty will deliver a focused curriculum tailored to the evolving needs of today's rhinology private practices. Over two days, attendees will engage in lectures and panels on office-based rhinology procedures, best practices in billing and coding, strategies for effective marketing, and methods for building and scaling a successful private practice. Hands-on dissection labs offered on both days will allow participants to practice advanced office-based techniques in a collegial, mentored environment. RiPP looks forward to providing another highly interactive, high-yield learning experience and to welcoming rhinologists from across the country to Princeton in March.

RiPP at the 2026 SSS course

Looking ahead to the 2026 SSS course in Miami, RiPP will host a half-day breakout session which will focus on private practice rhinology and the business of medicine. While specific topics are yet to be announced, they are expected to address high-impact areas such as coding, staffing, ancillary services, and strategic practice growth. Readers are encouraged to look out for future updates as the agenda is finalized and to plan to attend if they are interested in strengthening the practice-management side of their rhinology careers.

Lastly, we will hold our annual RiPP business meeting where new officers

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Rhinologists in Private Practice (RiPP), cont'd.

will be elected. If you are interested in serving on the RiPP leadership team, please contact the current RiPP chair, Dr. Leah Hauser: leahjhauser@gmail.com.



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IFAR would also like to congratulate the following reviewers who have been appointed to the Editorial Board:

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Benefits of ARS Membership

Membership in the American Rhinologic Society provides critical support that strengthens its ability to speak out on behalf of you, and all those practicing rhinology. The ARS promotes excellence in clinical care, investigation and education in Rhinology.

The ARS is dedicated to providing communication and fellowship to its members through ongoing continuing medical education, economic and social programs.

Your membership in the ARS places you in a highly respected professional organization that has a significant and far-reaching impact on the subspecialty of Rhinology. The ARS is dedicated to promoting excellence in clinical care, investigation, education, and patient advocacy in the field of rhinology.

Membership benefits include:

- Complimentary subscription to the Society's prestigious peer-reviewed journal, International Forum of Allergy and Rhinology
- Opportunity to join leadership and participate in standing committees of the Society to develop and implement programs to advance the interests of the specialty
- Networking in the largest group of Rhinologists worldwide
- Discounted meeting registration for the Society's annual meeting
- Information and opportunities for action on legislative and regulatory issues affecting rhinology and sinus surgery
- Member listing on the ARS Membership Directory
- Online services and personal web page on the ARS network
- "Find a Specialist" listing on the ARS web page making you contact information available to patients and referring physicians
- Access to members only section of webpage which includes advocacy, coding strategies, position statements, education and research and much more
- Patient Education Handouts
- Patient and Caregivers section of website
- Webinars and how to videos for members only
- ARS Endoscopic Surgical Dissection Video Series
- Complimentary subscription the Society's newsletter, Nose News
- Discounted rates for educational products and services offered by the Society
- Early access to third-party symposia associated with ARS meetings
- Discounted services and early access to other services and products provided by the Society
- Advocacy and representation on issues that influence the field of rhinology including those that establish physician reimbursement

JOIN AT: <https://www.american-rhinologic.org/NewMember.cfm>

Fellow of the American Rhinologic Society (FARS)

For this issue of Nose News, we would like to encourage all members to explore the possibility of becoming a Fellow of the American Rhinologic Society (FARS). This special membership category is an exceptional way to show your expertise in the field of Rhinology, your dedication to rhinologic practice, and your support of the American Rhinologic Society. Please visit the website, <http://www.american-rhinologic.org/fars> to learn more about the application process and the necessary qualifications. We encourage every ARS member to investigate this option and apply if they are interested. Current ARS members seeking FARS designation can submit a letter of intent, an updated curriculum vitae, a rhinologic case log and sponsorship letters from two FARS members to membership@amrso.org. Currently there are over 200 FARS members in our society, and we would like our entire membership to be aware of this special distinction. Please inquire about this membership category, especially if you are interested in becoming more involved in the ARS. We look forward to your application!

**Forgot to pay your dues? Renew now! Call 973-545-2735 or renew online at
<https://www.american-rhinologic.org/NewMember.cfm>**

Awards Committee Update

Charles S. Ebert, MD, MPH, FACS, FARS, FAAOA, Committee Chair

The ARS Awards Committee would like to congratulate and recognize the following ARS Members for their excellent submissions. The Awards Committee would also like to extend special thanks to Jean Kim for her years of dedication and service chairing this committee. Carlos Ebert has stepped into the role as committee chair.

ARS 71st Annual Mtg 2025 Indianapolis Summary Awardees 10/10/2025

International Award

The clinical effectiveness of clarithromycin versus endoscopic sinus surgery for adults with chronic rhinosinusitis with and without nasal polyps (MACRO): a pragmatic, multicentre, three-arm, randomised, placebocontrolled phase 4 trial

Carl Philpott, David J Beard, Elnaz Saeedi..., Stephen Durham, James Boardman, Claire Hopkins.

Norwich Medical School, University of East Anglia, Norwich and ENT Department, Guy's and St Thomas NHS Foundation Trust, London, UK

Clinical Science Cottle Award Winner:

Traffic and Industrial Pollutants and Chronic Rhinosinusitis: Distinct Cytokine Endotypes and Risk Associations

Hong-Ho Yang, Karl O'Sharkey, Kimberly Paul, Jeffrey Suh, Marilene Wang, Daniel Beswick, Jivianne T. Lee

Departments of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, CA and Department of Head and Neck Surgery, David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA, Los Angeles, California, USA

Runner Up

Olfaction Improves in Young Children with Cystic Fibrosis Treated with Elexacaftor/Tezacaftor/Ivacaftor

Janice J. Chung, Eugene Oh, Michelle J. Lee and Daniel M. Beswick

Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, University of California David Geffen School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA

Basic Science Award Winner:

Aging causes an augmented inflammatory endotype in chronic rhinosinusitis through interferon signaling and cellular senescence

Jeffanie Wu, Q Sheng, S V Rajagopala, S Goswami, Ping Li, L Huang, R Chandra, N Chowdhury, S Das, and Justin Turner

Departments of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery; Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN and University of Alabama at Birmingham, AL

Runner Up:

Multi-scaled transcriptomics of chronically inflamed nasal epithelium reveals immune-epithelial dynamics and tissue remodeling in nasal polyp formation

Guanrui Liao, Tsuguuhisa Nakayama, Bokai Zhu, ..., Qin Ma, Jayakar V. Nayak, Sizun Jiang

Center for Virology and Vaccine Research, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA and Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, CA



First Place Poster Award:

Characterization of neutrophils in CRS secondary to primary ciliary dyskinesia
Heidi Martini Stoica

Dept Otolaryngology-HNS, University North Carolina Chapel Hill, NC

Poster Award Second Place Poster Award:

Early and sustained improvements in nasal obstruction and loss of smell with depemokimab in CRSwNP
Martin Desrosier

Dept Otolaryngology-HNS, McGill University, Montreal, Canada

Third Place Poster Award:

Age-Related Decline in Nasal Polyp Inflammation: Reduced Eosinophils in Older Adults with CRSwNP
Elchanan Zloczower

Dept Otolaryngology-HNS, Kaplan Medical Center, Rehovot, Isreal

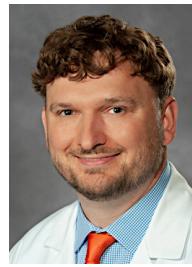
Sybill Storz (1937–2025): A Legacy of Innovation and Compassion

Brett Senior, MD, FACS, FARS, Executive Vice President and Arthur Wu, MD, FARS, Newsletter Committee Chair



The global medical community loses a pioneer with the passing of Sybill Storz, who died peacefully on November 28, 2025, at the age of 88, surrounded by her family. As the long-standing leader of Karl Storz, Sybill transformed a family firm into an international vanguard of endoscopic technology.

Joining her father, Karl Storz, in the late 1950s, she assumed leadership in 1996 and helped mold the company into a worldwide leader in endoscopic, imaging, and surgical technology. Her tenure was marked by a rare combination of meticulous technical detail and a bold international strategy. Beyond the boardroom, she was a dedicated philanthropist, most recently serving as Chair of the Karl Storz Foundation which she founded. She and her company have been longstanding industry supporters of the ARS, and this partnership along with the technological advances she oversaw at the Karl Storz company contributed to where we are today in the field of rhinology. The ARS would like to recognize Sybill Storz as the innovator and leader that she was and to extend our heartfelt condolences to her family, friends, and associates.



Online Education Committee Update

Theodore Schuman, MD, FACS, Online Education Committee Chair

The Online Education Committee remains busy with several exciting initiatives. Following a successful Rhinology Around the World Virtual Education event held in December 2025, we are looking forward to **Virtual Rhinology IX** on **March 21, 2026**. The 2026 installment of this annual event is titled “Timely Topics in Rhinology & Skull Base Surgery” and will feature expert panel discussions on immunotherapy for sinonasal malignancy, transorbital surgery, cutting-edge treatments for hyposmia, evidence-based postoperative care, management of refractory sinusitis, and more.

The committee continues to update content for **SinusHealth.com**, exploring new initiatives to provide multilingual patient-facing information as well as create professional content for non-otolaryngologist physicians and advanced practice providers. We are reinvigorating the **ARS Video Library** with new surgical videos as well as brief, patient-focused discussions from experts on common topics in rhinology. Another exciting area of focus involves harnessing artificial intelligence technologies to create novel, online educational content.

Visit our patient-facing website!



By Laws Committee Announcement

Brett Comer, MD, Committee Chair

The ARS By Laws Committee would like to remind ARS members and the public about the 90-day commitment period on proposed By Laws amendments. The proposed amendments and comment link are available at American-rhinologic.org. The comment period will end January 20, 2026.

<https://www.american-rhinologic.org/ars-by-laws-amendments>



SAVE THE DATE **2026**



COSM 2026

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Phoenix, AZ

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- Expert panels
- Cutting edge research
- Poster presentations



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ARS 72nd Annual Meeting October 15-17, 2026 Los Angeles, CA

Highlights:

- Annual David Kennedy Lectureship
- Women in Rhinology, Mentorship, Residents & Fellows, and Diversity Programs
- Annual Hwang Family Lectureship
- Symposia Sessions
- Fall Film FESstival
- Guest Countries

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