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Learning Objectives

This meeting employs both case presentation and panel discussion formats. Educational programming will include current concepts of diagnosis and treatment in head and neck medicine. New techniques and technology will be addressed, as well as outcomes of surgical techniques.

The purpose of this program is to provide otolaryngologists an opportunity to review and update their knowledge in each sub-specialty of Otolaryngology.

After participating in this activity, participants should be able to describe and discuss:

- Current evidence-based medical and surgical management of patients with common and uncommon disorders of the ears, nose, throat, head and neck.
- Emerging protocols, procedures, and techniques being investigated in major teaching centers.
- Future developments in the management of otolaryngologic disorders.

VUMC Office for Continuous Professional Development, Division of CME has approved **47th Annual Vanderbilt Otolaryngology Symposium - 2026 CME (108607)** taking place February 1st – 6th, 2026 at The Lodge at Vail in Vail, Colorado for a maximum of **24.00 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)TM** .

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Alley Endowed Keynote Speaker: Adam Waytz, PhD



Adam Waytz, PhD joins Vanderbilt's 47th Annual Sisson-Ossoff Otolaryngology Symposium in 2026 as the Alley Endowed Keynote Speaker to present "*The Power of Human*" a timely and insightful lecture on the power of shared humanity. Dr. Waytz published *The Power of Human: How Our Shared Humanity Can Help Us Create a Better World* in 2019. His book details the cost of losing our humanity and shares scientific strategies for rehumanization.

Dr. Waytz is the Morris and Alice Kaplan Chair in Ethics and Decision Management, Professor of Management and Organizations, and courtesy Professor of Psychology at Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences at Kellogg School of Management at **Northwestern University in Chicago, IL**. His research uses methods from social psychology and cognitive neuroscience to study how people think about other minds and to investigate processes related to ethics, intergroup processes, and the psychological consequences of technology. Professor Waytz's research has been published in leading journals such as ***Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, and Psychological Review***.

In recognition of his work, Professor Waytz received twice the ***Theoretical Innovation Award from the Society for Personality and Social Psychology*** and has also won the **SAGE Foundation Young Scholar Award** and the **International Social Cognition Network's Early Career Award**. In 2022, he won Northwestern's annual Martin E. and Gertrude G. Walder **Award for Research Excellence**, a university-wide honor. He was also a visiting scholar at the Russell Sage Foundation from 2018-2019.

Professor Waytz received his BA in Psychology from Columbia University, his PhD in social psychology from the University of Chicago, and received a National Service Research Award from the National Institute of Health to complete a post-doctoral fellowship at Harvard University.

Sunday, February 1, 2026

- 6:30 a.m. – 7:00 a.m. Registration | Breakfast | Exhibits**
- 6:55 a.m. Welcome & Announcements**
Eben L. Rosenthal, MD
Barry Baker Professor and Chair
Department of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery
System Otolaryngologist-in-Chief
- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. What Would You Do: Go For It or Punt?**
- Moderator:** Benjamin Johnston, MD
Mark van Deusen, MD
- 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. High Yield Head and Neck Literature Review**
- Moderator:** Sarah Rohde, MD, MMHC, FACS
Rod Rezaee, MD
Eben Rosenthal, MD
Alice Tang, MD
- 3:00 p.m. Refreshments | Exhibits**
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Midface and Mandible Fracture: Trends and Innovation**
- Moderator:** Monica Rossi Meyer, MD
CW David Chang, MD, FACS
Alexandra Ortiz, MD
Peter Revenaugh, MD
- 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Business in Medicine**
- Moderator:** Jared Seibert, MD
Mathew Conoyer, MD, FACS, FFAOA
John Seibert, MD
Melanie Smith, MD
Mark Royer, MD
- 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Immunotherapy in Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma**
- Moderator:** Sidharth Puram, MD, PhD, FACS
Brian Cervenka, MD
Nicole Fowler, MD, FACS
Adam Luginbuhl, MD
Matthew Old, MD, FACS

Monday, February 2, 2026

6:30 a.m. – 7:00 a.m. Registration | Breakfast | Exhibits

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Evidence-Based Facial Plastic Surgery: Impactful Literature and Practice Changes

Moderator: Scott Stephan, MD
Jon-Paul Pepper, MD, FACS
Peter Revenaugh, MD
Emily Spataro, MD
Tom Wang, MD, FACS

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Periocular Rejuvenation: Fat, Fillers, Repositioning, and More

Moderator: Scott Stephan, MD
Mark Clymer, MD
Eric Dobratz, MD
Sebastian Sciegienka, MD
Tom Wang, MD, FACS

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. The Role of AI in Otolaryngology

Moderator: John Seibert, MD
Roland Eavey, MD, SM
Keith Matheny, MD, FARS
John Seibert, MD
Mark van Deusen, MD
Reyna Gordon, PhD

3:00 p.m. Refreshments | Exhibits

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Updates in Oropharyngeal Cancer

Moderator: Nolan Seim, MD, MBA
Azeem Kaka, MD
William Ryan, MD
Chad Zender, MD

Monday, February 2, 2026, cont.

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Management of Laryngeal Trauma

Moderator: Joshua Schindler, MD
Brian Benson, MD
James Daniero, MD, MS
Scott Howard, MD
John Sinacori, MD

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. How to Be on Top of Billing (and Not Rely on Your Office Manager)

Moderator: Melanie Smith, MD
Keith Matheny, MD, FARS
Jared Seibert, MD
Mark Royer, MD

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

6:30 a.m. – 7:00 a.m. Registration | Breakfast | Exhibits

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Difficult Airway Management

Moderator: John Sinacori, MD
Paul Bryson, MD
David Francis, MD, MS
Marshall Strome, MD, MS, FACS

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Salivary Tumors: Watch, Biopsy, or Excise

Moderator: Alessandra Colaianni, MD, MPhil
Vasu Divi, MD
James Netterville, MD
Chris Rassekh, MD
Joe Scharpf, MD
Robert Sinard, MD, FACS

3:00 p.m. Refreshments | Exhibits

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Cases of Consequential Dysphagia in Infants and Children

Moderator: Matthew Brigger, MD, MPH
Charles Myer, IV, MD
Jason Park, MD, PhD
Scott Rickert, MD
Nikhila Raol, MD, MPH, FACS, FAAP

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. More Challenging Laryngology Cases

Moderator: Gaelyn Garrett, MD, MMHC
Andrew Blitzer, MD, DDS
Michael Pitman, MD
Joshua Schindler, MD
Michael Vaezi, MD, PhD | Kimberly Vinson, MD

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Alley Endowed Lecture

The Power of Human
Adam Waytz, PhD
Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management

7:00 p.m. James L. Netterville Alumni Society Dinner | Avanti Food & Beverage
458 Vail Valley Drive | All attendees invited (*friends and family welcome*)
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Wednesday, February 4, 2026

- 6:30 a.m. – 7:00 a.m. Registration | Breakfast | Exhibits**
- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Laryngology: What Can You Do in the Office?**
- Moderator:** David Francis, MD, MS
Brian Benson, MD
Mark Courey, MD
K. Chuck Fletcher, MD
Glendon Gardner, MD
Michael Pitman, MD
- 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Pediatric Difficult Airway Management**
- Moderator:** Christopher Wootten, MD, MMHC, FACS, FAAP
Noel Jabbour, MD, MS, FACS
Luv Javia, MD
Charles Myer IV, MD
James Phillips, MD
Nikhila Raol, MD, MPH, FACS, FAAP
- 3:00 p.m. Refreshments | Exhibits**
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Guidelines vs. Realities in Pediatric ENT**
- Moderator:** Noel Jabbour, MD, MS, FACS
Matthew Brigger, MD, MPH
Reema Padia, MD
Jason Park, MD, PhD
Scott Rickert, MD
- 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Deep Dive into Down Syndrome**
- Moderator:** Jason Park, MD, PhD
Luv Javia, MD
Reema Padia, MD
James Phillips, MD
Nikhila Raol, MD, MPH, FACS, FAAP
Christopher Wootten, MD, MMHC, FACS, FAAP
- 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Pediatric Hearing Loss: From Hearing Aids to Surgery**
- Moderator:** Asitha Jayawardena, MD
Alexander Bien, MD, FACS
Mana Espahbodi, MD
Ashley Nassiri, MD, MBA

Thursday, February 5, 2026

6:30 a.m. – 7:00 a.m. Registration | Breakfast | Exhibits

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Chronic Ear Surgery: Complication Avoidance and Treatment

Moderator: Peter Weber, MD
George Hashisaki, MD
Alan Micco, MD
Aaron Moberly, MD
Stephanie Moody-Antonio, MD

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Perioperative Management of the Sleep Surgery Patient

Moderator: David Kent, MD
Colin Huntley, MD
Phil Huyett, MD
Maria Suurna, MD, FACS

4:00 p.m. Refreshments | Exhibits

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Pulsatile Tinnitus

Moderator: Gerald Gianoli, MD
Marc Bennett, MD, MMHC, FACS
Rebecca Chiffer, MD
Rustin Kashani, MD

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Challenging Recalcitrant Rhinosinusitis

Moderator: Eric Succar, MD
David Beahm, MD
Naweed Chowdhury, MD
Laura van de Laar, MD

Friday, February 6, 2026

6:30 a.m. – 7:00 a.m. Registration | Breakfast | Exhibits

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Biologics and Beyond

Moderator: Naweed Chowdhury, MD
David Beahm, MD
Leah Hauser, MD
Eric Succar, MD

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Management of Acoustic Neuroma: From Medical to Surgical

Moderator: Nicholas Deep, MD
Peter Morone, MD
Elizabeth Toh, MD

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