

23rd Annual Porubsky Symposium and Alumni Event
Medical College of Georgia – Augusta University
June 13-14, 2025

Friday, June 13, 2025

7:30 – 7:55 **Breakfast and Exhibit Viewing**

7:55 – 8:00 **Welcome and Introduction**
Christopher Johnson, MD

8:00 – 8:15 **Lecture:** “A Massive Ear Canal Mass Resulting from an Embedded Arthropod - A Case Report and Literature Review”
Savannah Stockton, MD, PGY-5

8:15 – 8:30 **Lecture:** “Incidental Onyx Embolization of Pharyngeal Free Flap During Treatment of Carotid Blowout: Clinical Findings and Management of an Unusual Case”
Nicholas Drury, MD, PGY-5

8:30 – 8:45 **Lecture:** “Enhancing Cochlear Implant Utilization”
George Davies, MD, PGY-5

8:45 – 9:00 **Lecture:** “Complications of Cochlear Implantation - Case Series and Review of the Literature”
Jack Owen, MD, PGY-4

9:00 – 9:15 **Lecture:** “The role of workup and intervention on PET-avidity in head and neck cancer patients after surgical treatment”
Faris Mirza, MD, PGY-4

9:15 – 9:30 **Break and Exhibit Viewing**

9:30 – 10:00 **Group Photo**

10:00 – 10:15 **Lecture:** “Qualitative Analysis of Failed Newborn Hearing Screening”
Ryan Elvis, MD, PGY-3

10:15 – 10:30 **Lecture:** “The BMI Paradox and Initial TNM Stage in Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma”
Mathew Caputo, MD, PGY-3

10:30 – 10:45 **Lecture:** “Exploring the work-up of congenital hearing loss: a survey study”
Brittany Beisel, MD, PGY-3

10:45 – 11:00 **Lecture:** “Tympanic membrane healing and the removal of tympanostomy tubes”
Brandon Tapasak, MD, PGY-2

11:00 – 11:15 **Lecture:** “Revision Endoscopic Sinus Surgery Rates in Medically Noncompliant Patients”
Jamie Russell, MD, PGY-2

11:15 – 11:30 **Lecture:** “Use of Therapeutic Antithrombotics in Vessel Thrombosis for Free Tissue Transfer to Reconstruct Intracranial Defects”
Stephen Nash, MD, PGY-2

11:30 – 11:45 **Break and Exhibit Viewing**

11:45 – 12:45 **Guest of Honor Presentation:** “Congenital Nasal Anomalies”
David R. White, MD

12:45 – 1:00 **Break and Exhibit Viewing / Boxed Lunch Pick-up**

1:00 – 2:00 **Product Theater by Sanofi (Non-CME):** “Disease Drivers of Chronic Rhinosinusitis with Nasal Polyposis (CRSwNP)”
Cecilia Damasak, MD

2:00 – 2:45 **Special Guest Presentation:** “Generative AI applications for surgeons”
Martin J. Citardi, MD

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- 2:45– 3:00 **Break and Exhibit Viewing**
- 3:00 – 3:45 **Resident Alumni Presentation:** “Perspectives from Three Decades of Private Practice”
Christopher L. Vickery, MD
- 3:45 – 4:15 **Lecture:** "From Neurons to Neural Networks: Integrating AI into Modern Otolaryngology"
Forest Weir, MD
- 4:15 – 4:45 **Lecture:** “The internal mammary artery perforator flap in pharyngoesophageal, cervical tracheal, and cutaneous neck reconstruction”
Daniel Sharbel, MD
- 4:45-5:00 **Adjournment**
Dr. Kountakis to present guest speaker awards

Saturday, June 14, 2025:

- 10:00 – 2:00 **Annual Porubsky Golf Tournament**
Mount Vintage Golf Club 375 Mount Vintage Plantation Dr. North Augusta, SC 29860

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Course Co-Directors

Stil Kountakis, MD, PhD, FACS

Porubsky Distinguished Professor and Chairman, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Augusta University

Christopher Johnson, MD

Associate Professor, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Augusta University

Guest Speakers

David R. White, M.D. (Guest of Honor)

Professor in Otolaryngology- Head and Neck Surgery

Director of Pediatric Otolaryngology

Member of The Airway and Aspiration Center for Children, Craniofacial Anomalies and Cleft

Palate Center, The Velopharyngeal Insufficiency and Speech Team, The Cochlear Implant Center, and The Vascular Anomalies Program

The Medical University of South Carolina

Martin J. Citardi, MD (Special Guest)

Vice Dean for Clinical Technology

Professor and Chair of Otorhinolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery

The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston McGovern Medical School

Houston, TX

Christopher L. Vickery, MD (Resident Alumni)

Augusta-Aiken ENT & Allergy

Augusta, GA

MCG Faculty Speakers

Forest Weir, MD

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