

HEAD AND NECK OPTICAL DIAGNOSTICS SOCIETY

(HNODS)

The International Society of Minimally Invasive Diagnostics



Aims

Improve the early diagnosis and treatment of patients.

Facilitate the education of healthcare professionals and the general public.

Promote and encourage the study and practice of optical diagnostic techniques in the head and neck.

Promote and encourage the study and practice of minimally invasive surgery in the head and neck.

The Society will also aim to promote and encourage the study and practice of other imaging modalities in the head and neck.

Facilitate communications between clinicians, scientists, physicists, engineers, technicians, radiologists and pathologists, particularly those with interest in the pathology of the head and neck.

Conduct Educational Congresses for the application of optical diagnostics and minimally invasive surgery in the head & neck. Also, The Society will conduct Scientific Meetings which will aim to report the advances in the field.

Build close relations with laser, optical and surgical associations, societies, research groups, industry and patient's organisations.

Founders

The Head & Neck Optical Diagnostics Society was founded in September 2008 by the following people (in alphabetical order):

Vanderlei Bagnato, Hugh Barr, Kristian Berg, Christian S Betz, Lina Bolotine, Merrill A Biel, Irving Bigio, Zhongping Chen, Lin-Ping Choo-Smith, Anil D'Cruz, Adel K El-Naggar, Sheila Fisher, Ann Gillenwater, Colin Hopper, Waseem Jerjes, Catherine Kendall, Andreas Leunig, Alexander MacRobert, Gordon McKenzie, Alexander Mosse, Malini Olivo, Rebecca Richards-Kortum, Dominic J Robinson, Ann Sandison, Khee Chee Soo, Herbert Stepp, Henricus JCM Sterenborg, Nicholas Stone, Katarina Svanberg, I Bing Tan, Tahwinder Upile, Brian C Wilson, Max JH Witjes, Herbert Wolfson, Brian JF Wong, Arjun G Yodh.

HNODS Council

The Council has 5 Officers [Chairman, Vice Chairman (Science), Vice Chairman (Clinical), Secretary and Treasurer], 4 Councillors and 27 Council Members. The Council scrutinises and approves the membership applications.

Elections

Initially, every member of The Council will hold position for 4 years. Then there will be elections every two years. The positions of the Chairman, Vice Chairmen, Secretary, Treasurer and Councillors are opened to every member of The Council if he/she chooses to run for election.

Membership

Membership categories include: Senior Fellows, Fellows-in-Training, Junior Fellows and Honorary Fellows.

Senior Fellows: will be granted to persons who have made an outstanding contribution in their area of interest. This involves Senior Clinicians, Senior Scientists, Senior Physicists, Senior Technicians, Engineers and Senior Radiologists and Pathologists.

Fellows-in-Training: will be granted to persons who are either in approved training programmes or are involved in postgraduate qualifications. Up on the grant of the qualification or the certificate of training, the Fellow-in-Training need to apply for a Senior Fellow membership and the application will be considered by The Council. Non-clinical post docs within 5 years of obtaining their PhD will also be eligible.

Junior Fellows: will be granted to persons who do not fit in the above categories. Applications by undergraduate students will be considered by The Council.

Honorary Fellows: will be granted to persons who do not hold membership with the Society but have provided substantial support to the Society or its Educational Congresses or Scientific Meetings.

Educational Congresses

Educational Congresses related to the application of optical biopsy in the head and neck will be held on a regular basis.

Scientific Meetings

Following the establishment of the Society, it is envisaged there will be a meeting every 1-2 years, with local meetings as required.

The place where the Scientific Meeting is to be held will be discussed by the Council. The meeting will take place over one or two days and delivers Continuous Professional Development points.

The HNODS Newsletter

The Society's Newsletter will include: the Chairman's Letter, announcement of awards and grants winners, announcement of forthcoming Educational Congresses and Scientific Meetings, update with the Society's position on related controversial issues, updates with elections, membership and new members, summary of the previous Scientific Meeting, updates from other Societies related to the Head & Neck and updates about cutting edge research in the field of Head & Neck.

Head and Neck Oncology

The official journal of The Society is "Head & Neck Oncology". **Head & Neck Oncology** is a closed peer review multidisciplinary journal publishes high quality original research studies, case reports, editorials, reviews, book reviews, commentaries, letters to the Editor and meeting report. Head and Neck Oncology is a PubMed cited journal published by BioMed Central.