We are excited to share updates and ongoing activities in our program!

**Donald Leopold MD Lectureship in Rhinology**

After a life well lived, Don Leopold passed away last year on June 11, 2022. Dr. Leopold was a world-renowned expert in olfaction and was a leader in the field of Rhinology for decades. He has had a lasting impact on his patients as well as the students, residents and fellows he trained. In celebration of his many years of service and advancement in the field of rhinology, the Division of Otolaryngology here at UVM created the Don Leopold Fund to establish an annual Lectureship to honor Dr. Leopold’s tremendous legacy and to support residents, fellows and faculty in their work and continued learning.

**Global Health Partnership in Kenya**

Dr. Kurien and Dr. Miller traveled to Kenya and worked with AMPATH Global at Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital—which covers a population of over 25 million patients. They worked directly with the Kenyan otolaryngology residents and local physicians, to help train the residents on otologic techniques including tympanoplasty and tympanomastoidectomy, along with airway reconstruction, and endoscopic sinus surgery. Dr. Kurien hopes to continue to foster a long term partnership and provide training to the Kenyan residents and local physicians so as to improve their confidence and capacity in dealing with complex cases.
New England Otolaryngology Society Meeting

We’d like to highlight our residents for their excellent presentations that were selected to receive Resident Speaker Awards this past year at the NEOS Fall, Winter and Spring Programs.

NEOS Fall Program: Integrative Medicine for the Otolaryngologist
Dr. Luke Arnell Placed 2nd for his presentation entitled More than just a PPI: Evidence Based Nutritional Recommendations for Management of LPR.

NEOS Winter Program: Difficult Patients and Difficult Problems
Dr. Quinn Self Placed 1st for his presentation entitled Mushrooms and Malignancy: Evidence Base for Psilocybin

NEOS Spring Program: Evolution of Rhinology
Dr. Courtney Miller Placed 3rd for her presentation entitled: The Phantom of the Nose, which reviewed the history of treatments for phantosmia

Residency Wellness Events
Annual Ski Day
This year’s annual ski day was a success! The team joined together at Sugarbush to hit the slopes for some snowy fun!

Department Yoga
A local instructor led our residency team in a yoga session focused on spine health, deep breathing, and relaxation.

Program Research Updates:

- AHNS 11th International Conference on Head and Neck Cancer Highlights:
  - Dr. Luke Arnell, Sadie Casale, Dr. Dan Gerges and Dr. Mirabelle Sajisevi have a podium presentation: Leveraging Machine Learning to Predict Hypoparathyroidism After Total and Completion Thyroidectomy.
  - Drs. Brundage and Sajisevi and Gabriela Sarriera-Valentin have an oral presentation: Rural access to postoperative radiation therapy in Head and Neck Cancer.
  - Amy Chang, Christopher Kruglik and Dr. Sajisevi have a podium presentation: Factors Associated with Radiation Treatment Delay in Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma.

- We would like to thank the generosity of the Sudbay Research Funds for supporting our residents and medical students—enabling them to present their work at the AHNS annual meeting.

- Dr. Kelly McKenna and Dr. Carolyn Orgain have a poster presentation at COSM: Aseptic Sinusitis: A New Phenotype of Immune-Related Chronic Rhinosinusitis in the Era of Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors.

- Kenny Nguyen MS2 was awarded the Summer Research Fellowship Merit Award for his project: The role of postoperative adjuvant radiotherapy of low-grade salivary gland cancers with close or positive margins with Dr. Sajisevi as his mentor. Part of the stipend for his project was provided by the Sudbay Research Fund. The generosity of the Sudbay Family supports scholarly activity in our division.