Pediatric Craniofacial Partnership
Dr. Dan Gerges has established working partnerships with Dr. Don Laub of plastic surgery and Dr. Katrina Ducis of pediatric neurosurgery to care for children in our region with cleft and craniofacial differences. Drs. Gerges and Laub work together in the Cleft and Craniofacial Clinic as well as operate together on children with cleft lip and palate. Drs. Gerges and Ducis, under the mentorship of Dr. Andrew Scott from Tufts Medical Center, are performing craniosynostosis surgery for infants in our region. In the past year they have performed three fronto-orbital advancements for coronal and metopic craniosynostosis, one cranial vault remodeling procedure for sagittal craniosynostosis and one posterior cranial vault distraction for bicoronal craniosynostosis. Dr. Gerges is also performing mandibular distraction osteogenesis for infants and children with Pierre Robin sequence to avoid tracheostomy or facilitate tracheostomy decannulation. Virtual surgical planning is being used for both cranial vault and mandibular distraction.

Visiting Student Elective Scholarship Program
The Division of Otolaryngology is excited to extend an invitation for a one month acting internship to medical students from an underrepresented group who is seeking a career in Otolaryngology. The scholarship program provides a $2500 stipend to visiting students to support travel and housing during the elective. Please share this information with any students who are interested in doing an acting internship with our Division. Interested applicants should apply for a rotation via the VSLO Portal on the AAMC website.
Welcome our New Resident
Cody Schroeder, DO
Dr. Cody Schroeder grew up in Simi Valley, California and went on to study Winemaking and Viticulture at California Polytechnic State University. He attended Touro University California. He chose to pursue a career in Otolaryngology after an elective rotation where he was inspired by the kindness, humility and skill of the surgeons he worked with. He discovered a passion for working with patients’ senses. Cody enjoys creating new dishes and trying new foods. He and his wife moved to Vermont right after getting married and are excited to enjoy their first snowy winter!

Welcome to our New Nurse Practitioner
Carly Staab, NP
Carly grew up in the small town of Westford, Vermont. She is a Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner with experience in addiction medicine, primary care, adolescent medicine and most recently spent the last 8 years working in the Urgent Care. Carly attended Saint Anselm College in Manchester, NH where she earned a BS in Nursing. After graduation she obtained her Masters Degree in Nursing from Yale University. Carly joined the ENT practice this fall and is excited to be learning a new specialty. Outside of work she enjoys adventuring with her fiancé and their dog Rhubarb, as well as traveling, gardening, hiking, snacking, and spending time with friends and family.

Resident Wellness Activities:

Program Research Updates:
This year the American Academy of Otolaryngology Annual Meeting was held in Nashville, our Otolaryngology division was well represented during the conference:

- One of our outstanding 3rd year medical students, Ashwini Sarathy, presented on a project she worked with Dr. Ostby, Dr. Gerges, and Dr. Sajisevi: *Pediatric Head and Neck Trauma in the United States: Trends, Risk Factors and Outcomes using the National Trauma Data Bank (NTDB)*
- Dr. Mirabelle Sajisevi was on a panel - *Fifty Shades: Controversies and updates in Head and Neck Melanoma*
- Dr. Heather Herrington was on a panel - *How to Manage Pediatric Complications to Make Your Life Simpler*
- Dr. Dan Gerges moderated an oral presentation session - *Pediatric Otolaryngology*
- Dr. Sajisevi was faculty for the Thyroid, Parathyroid and Neck Ultrasound Course sponsored by the American Head and Neck Society

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