

# Gulf States Otolaryngology Meeting 2026

**Location:** Lodge at Gulf State Park

**Theme:** Practice Pearls, Real-World ENT, and the Future of the Specialty

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## Friday, June 5, 2026

### *Practice Pearls & Real-World ENT*

**7:00 – 8:00 AM**

Breakfast in Exhibition Hall

**8:00 – 8:10 AM**

**Welcome to the Beach**

Ben Greene, UAB

**8:10 – 9:00 AM**

**ENT Disasters and Difficult Cases**

*Complications, near misses, recovery strategies, and hard-earned wisdom*

- Bharat Panuganti (Washington University)
- Jon Owens (Ochsner)
- Lauren Buck (LSU)
- Jeff Carron (UMiss)

**9:00 – 9:45 AM**

**Early Career ENT: What We Wish We Knew**

*Moderator:* Ben Greene

Panelists:

- Jessica Bishop
- Ryan Marshall
- Chris Gentile
- Chris Weeks
- Luke Bailey
- Brian Sullivan

**9:45 – 10:15 AM**

Break with Exhibitors

**10:15 AM – 12:00 PM**

**The Annoying ENT Problem Session**

- Chronic Otorrhea — *Stefania Goncalves (UAB)*
- Eustachian Tube Dysfunction — *Neal Jackson (Tulane)*
- Chronic Cough — *Mollie Perryman (UAB)*
- The Slightly Enlarged Lymph Node — *Rula Mualla (LSU)*
- Snoring Without OSA — *Andrea Lewis (UMiss)*
- Tympanoplasty Pitfalls — *Erika Walsh (UAB)*

**12:00 – 12:45 PM**

**Case Debates: Faculty and Residents**

*Moderator:* Hari Jeyarajan

**Debate Topic:** Robots vs Chemoradiation for Oropharyngeal Cancer

Present case 5-10 Min Hari Jeyarajan

- **Team Surgery:** Anne Kane + UAB Resident
- **Team Chemoradiation:** Greg Marks + LSU Resident

## Saturday, June 6, 2026

### *Pediatrics & Procedures*

**7:00 – 8:00 AM**

Breakfast with Exhibitors

**8:00 – 9:15 AM**

**What to Put in the Nose After Sinus Surgery**

*Postoperative Strategies After ESS*

*Moderator:* Rick Chandra

- Steroid Implants — Do Cho UAB
- Packing — Nick Poche, Stephen Hernandez, Katie Melder (LSU)
- Irrigations & Concoctions — Rick Chandra (UMiss)
- Post-op Care That Works — Chris Davis

**9:15 – 9:45 AM**

**What's New in Thyroid & Parathyroid Surgery**

Erin Buczek

**9:45 – 10:15 AM**

Break with Exhibitors

**10:15 – 11:15 AM**

**Peds Power Hour**

*Moderator:* Saudamini Lele

- Hypoglossal Nerve Stimulators in Children — Phil Rosen
- Sleep Surgery Beyond Tonsillectomy — Saudamini Lele
- Tough Pediatric Airway Cases —
  - Jill D’Souza (CHNOLA)
  - TC Flowers (CHNOLA)
  - Alex Rose, Lauren Buck (LSU)

**11:15 – 11:30 AM**

Break

**11:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

**Faces, Flaps & Fixes: Skin Cancer and Reconstruction**

*Moderator:* Alyssa Ovaitt

- Nasal Reconstruction — Alyssa Ovaitt (LSU)
- Ear Reconstruction — Natalie Derise (UAB)
- Eyelid Reconstruction- Jonas Miller (Ochsner)
- Facial Nerve in Skin Cancer — Hetzler (LSU)

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## **Sunday, June 7, 2026**

***Wrap-Up, Residents & Real-World Practice***

**7:00 – 8:00 AM**

Breakfast with Exhibitors

**8:00 – 9:00 AM**

**Recruiting to the South**

- **State of the Workforce** — Bill Blythe
- **Recruiting to the South Panel:**
  - Bill Blythe
  - Justin Turner (UAB)
  - Sheldon Black
  - Lana Jackson (UMiss)

**9:00-9:20**

**A novel Education and screening tool for underserved populations vulnerable to head and neck cancer disparities**

- Ed Harris (UAB)

**9:20 – 10 AM**

**Training APPs on Procedures**

*Which procedures, best models, and how to make it work*

Allison Seamon + Tristen Harris

**10:00 – 11:00 AM**

**Best ENT Case on the Gulf Coast**

**Resident Session-** *Cool cases, new therapies or new techniques*

- Mississippi
- Caroline Bonaventure (LSU)
- Ochsner
- UAB