

# ENT in the Desert 2026 Program Schedule

## Thursday February 19, 2026

6:45 AM	Registration and Breakfast – Casa Luna Foyer
7:20-7:30	Course Welcome, Overview, and Introductions – Casa Luna Room <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Steven Wang, MD, FACS</li><li>• Eugene Chang, MD, FACS</li></ul>

### Session 1: Head & Neck Cancer: Updates (2 hours) – Casa Luna

7:30-8:00	Neoadjuvant Therapy for HNSCC	Ricklie Julian, MD
8:00-8:30	Outcomes in Geriatric Head and Neck Cancer	Scharukh Jalisi, MD, MBA, MA, FACS
8:30-9:00	Neoadjuvant Therapy for Cutaneous SCC	Audrey Baker, MD
9:00-9:30	Panel – H&N Tumor Board	Steven Wang, MD, FACS Scharukh Jalisi, MD, MBA, MA, FACS Ricklie Julian, MD Audrey Baker, MD Shethal Bearely, MD

9:30-10:00	Coffee Break with Exhibitors – Casa Feliz
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### Session 2: Laryngology (2 hours) – Casa Luna

10:00-10:30	Updates on Cough	Helena Yip, MD
10:30-11:00	Incorporating HREM and EndoFLIP in Dysphagia Workup	Avin Aggarwal, MBBS
11:00-11:30	A Simple Approach to Hoarseness with a Normal Laryngoscopy	Helena Yip, MD
11:30-12:00	Interesting Cases of Dysphagia Panel	Helena Yip, MD Avin Aggarwal, MBBS Jacob Martinez, MA, CCC-SLP Kathleen Cazzato, MA, CCC-SLP, BCS-S

12:00-1:00	Lunch and Non-CME Industry-Sponsored Talk – Historic Courtyard
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### Session 3: Rhinology: Advancing Care in CRS & Surgical Techniques (2 hours) – Casa Luna

1:00-1:30	Practical Personalized Strategies in CRS	Devyani Lal, MD, FARS
1:30-2:00	New Biologics and Small Molecules in CRS	Amber Luong, MD, PhD
2:00-2:30	Immunodeficiency in CRS	Tara Carr, MD
2:30-3:00	Panel Discussion - Asthma and CRS Co-management	Eugene Chang, MD, FACS Devyani Lal, MD, FARS Amber Luong, MD, PhD Tara Carr, MD

3:00-3:30	Coffee Break with Exhibitors – Casa Feliz
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**Session 4: Rhinology: Complex Cases and Surgical Safety (2 hours) – Casa Luna**

3:30-4:00	Epistaxis and HHT Management	Michael Marino, MD
4:00-4:30	Frontal Sinus Surgery	Christopher Le, MD
4:30-5:00	Sinus Anatomy and How to Avoid Complications	Eugene Chang, MD, FACS
5:00-5:30	Optimizing FESS Outcomes	Amber Luong, MD, PhD

5:30-7:30	Welcome Reception – Historic Courtyard	
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**Friday February 20, 2026**

7:00-7:30	Breakfast – Casa Luna Foyer	
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**Session 5: Head & Neck: Endocrine, Eagles, and More! (2 hours) – Casa Luna**

7:30-8:00	Use of Energy Instruments to Optimize Efficiency of Neck Surgery	Hanwei Peng, MD
8:00-8:30	Well-differentiated Thyroid Cancers: Updated Guidelines from ATA 2025	Shethal Beareilly, MD
8:30-8:45	Primary Hyperparathyroidism: When to Operate	Steven Wang, MD, FACS
8:45-9:00	Surgery for Eagle's Syndrome	Steven Wang, MD, FACS
9:00-9:30	It Is What It Is—Using Business Acumen to Transcend Leadership Obstacles!	Scharukh Jalisi, MD, MBA, MA, FACS

9:30-10:00	Coffee Break with Exhibitors – Casa Feliz	
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**Session 6: Facial Plastics (2.5 hours) – Casa Luna**

10:00-10:30	Who Nose What You'll Find In There - Interesting Rhinoplasty Cases	David Chen, MD
10:30-11:00	Contemporary Management of Facial Nerve Disorders	Dane Genther, MD, FACS
11:00-11:30	Managing Patient Expectations	Jonnae Ostrom, MD
11:30-12:00	Auricular Reconstruction	Jerold Olson, MD
12:00-12:30	Surgical Repair of Nasal Septal Perforation	Dane Genther, MD, FACS

12:30-1:30	Lunch and Non-CME Industry-Sponsored Talk – Historic Courtyard	
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## Saturday, February 21, 2026

7:00 – 7:30	Breakfast – Casa Luna Foyer
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### Session 7: Otolaryngology (2.25 hours) – Casa Luna

7:30-8:00	Autoimmune Inner Ear Disease and Autoinflammatory Disease	Andrea Vambutas, MD, FACS
8:00-8:30	Hearing Loss and Cognition	Andrea Vambutas, MD, FACS
8:30-9:00	Expanding Indications for Cochlear Implants	Helena Wichova, MD
9:00-9:45	Interesting Cases Panel	Helena Wichova, MD Andrea Vambutas, MD, FACS Jennifer Blanco Chavira, AuD, PASC David Parry, MD Shawn Stevens, MD, FACS

9:45 – 10:15	Coffee Break with Exhibitors – Casa Feliz
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### Session 8: Pediatric Otolaryngology (2.25 hours) – Casa Luna

10:15 – 10:45	Pediatric Audiology for ENTs	Jennifer Blanco Chavira, AuD, PASC
10:45 – 11:15	Pediatric Hearing Loss	David Parry, MD
11:15 – 11:45	Pediatric Speech Disorders for ENTs	Robin Samlan, PhD, CCC-SLP
11:45 – 12:15	Hypernasality Evaluation and Treatment	Jonathan Skirko, MD, MHPA, MPH
12:15 – 12:30	Panel: Questions from Audience / Wrap-up	Jonathan Skirko, MD, MHPA, MPH David Parry, MD Robin Samlan, PhD, CCC-SLP Jennifer Blanco Chavira, AuD, PASC