

BAHNO Newsletter – Summer 2024



BAHNO 2024 was an outstanding success – the record number of delegates more than justifying the change of venue! Two full auditoriums proved that BAHNO is reaching areas that other conferences do not – the unique mix of specialties and expertise working together to maintain and expand the best knowledge of treatments in head and neck cancers.

Congratulations to the prize winners of each session:

Kate Toft: Analysing the MD Anderson dysphagia inventory

Summy Bola: Longitudinal study of circulating tumour DNA in head and neck patients to aid decision making alongside post-treatment PET-CT

Ying Ki Lee: Targeted neck dissection using pre-operative on-table ultrasound localisation for impalpable neck recurrences from differentiated thyroid cancer – Technique and outcome comparison with compartmental neck dissection

The poster prize was decided by popular vote:

Amar Rajgor: 'How long do I have?' – Examining survival outcomes in laryngeal cancer patients managed with palliative intent in Northern UK - Insights from the northern head and neck cancer alliance retrospective audit.

Thanks to all of you who participated in the photo wall - some great photos, there!



Don't forget to fill in your feedback form – this then issues you with your CPD certificate. If you don't think you have received your link to the form, please check you spam folder or contact academia.bbmuk@bbraun.com

A link to further photos from the event will be sent shortly.

Plans are underway for BAHNO 2025. This will be held at the same venue (Business Design Centre, London) on Friday 16th May 2025.

BAHNO awards

These were announced at the AGM and are as follows:

Research grant

Freya Sparks - *Evaluating the feasibility of augmented reality and simulation training for urgent laryngectomy care.*

Travel grants

Anthony Bashyam – Head & Neck Fellowship at the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Queensland, Australia

Devvrat Katechia - Facial Surgical Oncology and Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship at the Bhagwan Mahaveer Cancer Institute in Jaipur, India.

Accredited Short Fellowships

Manish Mair -multidisciplinary fellowship at UCL (London) with exposure to Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy for Head & Neck.

!!!The application window has been extended for the ASF in Clinical Oncology at The Christie Hospital (Manchester), with the focus being on Proton Beam Therapy. This Fellowship will offer the successful applicant the opportunity to spend a short but focused period of time at The Christie for a specific learning experience. We are currently proposing a one-month period, but this period can be flexible according to the host unit and applicant. £2500 is available towards accommodation, travel and necessary expenses. Please see the website for further details.

Applications must be received before midnight on Sunday 14th July.

There was an interesting session at BAHNO 2024 from past recipients of BAHNO awards – the aim was to encourage more members to apply for funds. Please see [the website](#) for more details – applications open until January 21st each year for research and travel awards.

Clinical Oncologists required



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The RCR is looking to recruit new examiners for the Clinical Oncology FRCR Exams and is specifically looking for Clinical Oncologists with expertise in Head and Neck.

The job descriptions and application form is available at:

<https://www.rcr.ac.uk/get-involved/contribute-your-expertise/become-an-examiner/>

Events for the Diary

- 21st June [Supportive and Palliative Care in Head and Neck Cancer](#)
Hope Street Hotel, Liverpool
- 23rd July [International multi-disciplinary lymphoedema study day](#)
University of Liverpool
- 15th Nov. [International Head & Neck Cancer Quality of Life Conference](#)
The Terrace, Wellington Place, Leeds