



AMERICAN OTOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Award for Best Presentation from Research Performed in a Private Practice Setting

159th Annual Spring Meeting

April 24 - April 25, 2026

Phoenix, AZ

Deadline for submission – October 22, 2025

THE AWARD

Members of AOS in private practice are eligible to receive special recognition and a \$500 award for research conducted in a private practice setting. This award was established by Dr Charlie Leutje, when in 2016, as the esteemed AOS Award of Merit recipient, he donated back his honorarium. The focus of this award is to recognize the important contributions to be made to the field of otology in clinical practice outside the halls of academia. The award is intended to encourage otologists in private practice to present their best research to the American Otological Society. Private practice, in this context, includes but is not restricted to practices that are affiliated with teaching institutions, and excludes practices that are primary sponsors of a residency or fellowship training program.

Any author who has indicated that he/she would like to be considered for the award will be expected to attend the Annual AOS Spring Meeting and present the paper as an oral presentation.

AUTHORSHIP

The private practice otologist must be the primary author/presenter and provide the main inspiration for the paper.

THE PAPER

The paper is to be an original contribution, not previously published. A clinical study or basic research study is acceptable. Single-case reports or literature reviews are not acceptable. The paper is to be submitted in the publication format recommended by *Otology & Neurotology*, the official journal of the American Otological Society. An electronic submission of the manuscript, including illustrations will be required four weeks before the meeting.

DEADLINE

An abstract must be submitted through the American Otological Society website www.americanotologicalsociety.org on or before October 22ND. Please email a cover letter to the AOS office indicating your interest in the award at the time of submission.

(The Program Advisory Committee must select the abstract as an oral presentation to be considered, (poster presentations are not eligible for this award)).

The cover letter should be sent to:

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