

A Fond Farewell to Sonya Malekzadeh, MD



*Thank
You*



Sonya,

I am sad to see you stepping down after such a fabulous tour as the Education Coordinator for the AAO-HNSF. The thing I will remember most is the bravery and perseverance it took to initiate and guide a complete review and overhaul of the education products for the Foundation. It had to be a difficult decision to take this on and I think you did a great job seeing it through. I am glad to hear that you will still be available in an advisory capacity as you probably understand where this is going better than anyone else.

Sincerely,

Randy Jordan, MD

Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Education Committee

Sonya,

Congratulations on a job well done! When I reflect on the improvements to our education program during your term I know it is your vision, leadership and persistence that made all of it possible. It has been an honor to be part of your team.

Best always,

Karen Pitman, MD

General Otolaryngology Education Committee

Sonya,

I have been impressed with your creativity and innovation since before we met. Since working with you, I have to add dedication, humor and perseverance to the list of growing and glowing accomplishments. You have been a leader in Otolaryngology education since before your term as coordinator and I look forward to seeing what you accomplish next.

Thank you for everything,

Stacey Ishman, MD

General Otolaryngology Education Committee

Dear Dr Malekzadeh,
Congratulations on completion of your tenure as the
Coordinator for Education for the AAO-HNSF. Your work has
helped many in our field. You have served as a great example
for those of us who will try and follow your footsteps. Thank
you for your tireless dedication to the AAO-HNS and our field.

Al Simental, MD
Head and Neck Surgery Education Committee

Sonya,

Thanks for your mentorship and inspirational leadership. You always gave 300% of what you asked of us! Thanks for having the courage to transform education for the AAO-HNSF.

Best wishes,

Catherine Rees Lintzenich, MD

Laryngology and Bronchoesophagology Education Committee

Dear Sonya,
You have put so much time, energy, and thought into the Foundation's efforts to educate its membership, its trainees, allied health professionals, and medical students. Thank you for all that you have done to further the Academy's education mission. Because of your tireless efforts, you leave the Education Steering Committee better than when you took over. I'm so glad you're "sticking around" to work on a few extra projects! It has been a pleasure and privilege to get to know you and to work with you. Thank you for your time, skill, and leadership!

Brad Kesser, MD

Otology and Neurotology Education Committee

Dear Sonya,
Congratulations on your success as AAO-HNSF Coordinator for Education. You really led the Academy through a major shift in its education programming and in implementing the new LMS. All of us on the Education Steering Committee are grateful for your devotion to improving otolaryngology education. There are countless residents, fellows, and otolaryngologists who have benefitted from the work that you have done as Coordinator. I wish you the best of luck in the future and look forward to continuing to work with you.

Warmly,
Jeff Simons, MD
Pediatric Otolaryngology Education Committee

Sonya,

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you. You have done a great job of transitioning in to the position from your predecessor, Dr. Wax, and have done an excellent job in your own right over your entire tenure. You were a strong leader in a time of much change in the Academy's education enterprise. You have been a very approachable and exemplary leader of the ESC. You will certainly be missed.

Brendan C. Stack, Jr., MD

Practice Management Education Committee

Sonya,

It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know you and to work with you on this committee. You have been an effective and hard-working chair, a great example for all of us. Enjoy the time with the kids as you rotate off! And I sincerely look forward to working with you on future projects.

All My Best,

Brent Senior, MD

Rhinology and Allergy Education Committee

Sonya,

I want to thank you for all you have done for the Academy and Otolaryngology. Your accomplishments during your term as Education Coordinator have been remarkable. I value your friendship and mentorship and know this will not be the end. Congratulations and I am certain there will be great things coming!

Richard V. Smith, MD
Coordinator-Elect, Education

Dear Dr. Malekzadeh,
It has been our pleasure to collaborate with you during your term as Coordinator, Education with AAO-HNSF. Under your direction we have worked to build an impressive new Professional Development Program that we are all proud of. We thank you for your leadership and your recognition of the hard work we do for our members.

Audrey E. Shively, MSHSE
Director, Education
and the
Foundation Education Team





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