



2026 North Texas Cochlear Implant Symposium Schedule

8:00 – 8:10 Welcome

8:10 – 9:00 Pitor Skarzynski, MD, PhD, MSc (Sponsored by The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Department of Otolaryngology) “Hearing Implants: From Indications to Long Term Results, Surgical and Audiological Aspects”

9:00 – 9:25 Kenneth Lee, MD “Shape Memory Polymer Electrode Array is Lateral Wall and Perimodiolar”

9:25 – 9:50 Rachel St. John, MD “Outside the Device: Considerations for Working with Pediatric Candidates for Cochlear Implant”

9:50 – 10:05 Break

10:05 – 10:30 Brandon Isaacson, MD “Concurrent Intracochlear Schwannoma Removal and Cochlear Implantation”

10:30 – 10:55 Rance Fujiwara, MD “Indications and Candidacy for Cochlear Implantation”

10:55 – 11:20 Andrea Warner-Czyz, PhD “CI 3-60 Referral Guideline for Pediatric Implant Evaluation”

11:20 – 12:20 Lunch

12:20 – 1:10 Pitor Skarzynski, MD, PhD, MSc (Sponsored by The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Department of Otolaryngology) “Network of Hearing and Speech Centers: How to Develop and Maintain Among Other Areas of Medicine”

1:10 – 1:35 Walter Kutz, MD “Update on Hearing Rehabilitation in Patients with Neurofibromatosis Type 2 Schwannomatosis”

1:35 – 1:50 Break

1:50 – 2:15 Sarah Crow, BS “Using fNIRS to Examine Frontal Lobe Activation in Cochlear Implant Users”

2:15 – 2:35 Prabuddha Bhatarai “Emotional Responses to Naturally Occurring Sounds in Individuals with Cochlear Implants”

2:35 – 3:35 Panel Discussion and Questions

3:35 Adjourn

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