TransOral Robotic Surgery (TORS) was first developed in 2004 at the University of Pennsylvania and in 2009 the FDA cleared robotic surgery for selected malignancies of the oral cavity, pharynx and larynx and all benign tumors. While the original bench and clinical research has been done at Penn, one of our major areas of focus has been in TORS training. As a founding member of The PENN Center for Head and Neck Cancer, our multidisciplinary team established in 1991, I am proud to say that we have now performed over 1200 TORS cases at PENN. The vast majority of these have been for the management of oropharyngeal cancer. Evidence that TORS has been adopted worldwide is that while it was only developed at PENN a few years ago a Pubmed search on the term “transoral robotic surgery” yields over 200 articles. The literature supports the value of TORS not only from an oncologic perspective but in particular in terms of quality of life. This latter has been critically important for the otherwise young and healthy patients that present with HPV related oropharyngeal cancer. We have trained hundreds of surgeons from numerous programs around the United States and worldwide who now utilize these techniques routinely. We now expand our commitment to TORS education with the 1st International TransOral Robotic Surgery Conference.

The main points of interests for your society membership are as follows:

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2. The dates of this TORS Meeting are July 24–25, 2014 which ends the Friday afternoon prior to attending the 5th World Congress for Head and Neck Surgery, July 26–30 in NYC. For those attending the 5th World Congress – IFHNOS and Annual Meeting of the AHNS in NYC July 26-30, and coming from a distance, a convenient option is to fly into Philadelphia and out of New York following the congress. For those attending the 5th World Congress – IFHNOS and Annual Meeting of the AHNS in NYC July 26 – 30, Amtrak train travel from Philadelphia’s 30th Street Station to New York City’s Penn Station is fast and easy. We recommend that our conference participants make the scheduled 2:30 PM Acela train out of Philadelphia in what we call the “TORS Express,” which will get you to NYC at 3:45 PM to check in at your hotel in time to enjoy dinner in the Big Apple!

The full price of registration is $675 dollars with a $100 discount for early registration by April 1st. For this conference we have created a special discount for the first 50 registrants of $150 savings. Since our first conference announcements over the past couple of weeks we have numerous registrants taking advantage of these savings. Even though we are almost 8 months in advance, the registration is filling nicely. I am concerned that this special discount will be filled quickly and wanted to let your membership know about this so they can get this special benefit. Is it possible for you to forward this email and the attachment to the members of your society so that those who may have an interest in the TORS conference can take advantage of the special discount for the first 50 registrant?
For more information and for online registration please go to the PENN meeting website:

http://www.uphs.upenn.edu/pennorl/education/cme.html

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TARGET AUDIENCE: This program is designed for Otolaryngologists, all specialty Head and Neck Surgeons, Radiation Oncologists, Medical Oncologists and other related health care professionals such as Speech Language Pathologists, nurses, nurse practitioners and physician assistants.

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Thursday - July 24, 2014

7:00 – 7:10 AM  Welcome and Overview
                Bert W. O’Malley, Jr., MD

7:10 – 7:30 AM  Surgical Anatomy of TORS: How Understanding the Inside/Out Anatomy Helps to Standardize En-bloc Resections
                Neil Sokol, MD

7:30 – 7:50 AM  T Staging is NotEnough: A Reasonable Approach to Understanding Indications and Contraindications for TORS
                Gregory S. Weinstein, MD

7:50 – 8:10AM   TORS for Supraglottic Carcinoma
                Mohsen Ansari, MD

8:10 – 8:30AM   Techniques and Strategies for Radiation with or without Chemotherapy Following TORS
                Alexander Lin, MD

8:30 – 8:50 AM  How Does HPV Impact on Treatment Decision Making in the Age of TORS?
                F. Christopher Holsinger, MD

8:50 – 9:10 AM  TORS for Tonsillar Cancer: Management of the Primary Site, Neck and Retropharyngeal Nodes
                Fernando Diaz, MD

9:10 - 9:30 AM  Coffee Break

9:30 – 9:50 AM  TORS Total Laryngectomy: Risks, benefits and alternatives
                Georges Lawson, MD

9:50 – 10:10 AM TORS for Pyriform Sinus Cancer
                Se-Heon Kim, MD, PhD

10:10 – 10:20 AM TORS for Skull Base and ParapharyngealSpace Tumors
                 Bert W. O’Malley, Jr., MD

10:20 – 10:40 AM Future Developments: What’s on the Horizon in Robotics Technology for TORS in Head and Neck Skull Base Surgery
                 Jason G. Newman, MD

10:40 – 11:00 AM TORS, HPV and Personalized Medicine: The Role of TORS in Deintensification for the HPV related throat cancers.
                 Roger B. Cohen, MD

11:00 – 11:20 AM TORS for Tongue Base Cancer
                 Gregory S. Weinstein, MD

11:20 – 11:40 AM TORS for the Unknown Primary
                 Eduardo Mendez, MD
11:40 – 12:00PM  Patient Selection TransOral Robotic Surgery (TORS) Sleep Apnea Surgery – How to do and use Sleep Endoscopy  
Claudio Vicini, M.D

12:00 – 1:00 PM  Lunch

1:00 – 1:20 PM  Surgical Technique—How to Perform TORS for Tongue Base Resection in Sleep Apnea  
Erica R. Thaler, MD

1:20 – 1:40 PM  The Development of TORS in South America, Central America and the Caribbean  
Roberto Araujo Lima, MD, PhD

1:40 – 2:40 PM  Cadaver Dissection Demonstration by Faculty – The Basic Cases: (1) TORS Radical Tonsillectomy, (2) TORS Tongue Base Resection, (3) TORS Supraglottic Partial Laryngectomy, (4) BuccalMyomucosal Flap, and (5) Buccal Fat Pad Flap  
Gregory S. Weinstein, MD, Steven B. Carnady, MD, Ara A. Chalian, MD

2:40 – 3:00 PM  Coffee Break

3:00 – 5:00 PM  Cadaver Dissection Demonstration by Faculty – The Advanced Cases: (1) TORS TotalLaryngectomy, (2) TORS Parapharyngeal Space Dissection, (3) TORS Resection of Pyriform Sinus, (4) TORS Nasopharyngeal Resection  
Gregory S. Weinstein, MD, Georges Lawson, MD, Bert W. O'Malley, Jr., MD, Christopher H. Rassekh, MD

7:00 - 8:00 PM  Cocktails Overlooking Downtown Philadelphia

Friday - July 25, 2014

7:00 – 7:10 AM  Welcome and Overview

7:10 – 8:10 AM  Expert Panel 1 – TORS the Challenging Cases  
Moderator: Christopher H. Rassekh, MD
Participants: Neilis Kokot, MD, Roberto Araujo Lima, MD, Georges Lawson, MD, Alexander Lin, MD, Fernando Diaz, MD, Mohssen Ansarin, MD

7:30 – 10:00 AM  Live Surgery – TransOral Robotic Surgery (TORS)  
Gregory S. Weinstein, MD and Bert W. O’Malley, Jr., MD

10:00 – 11:50 AM  Expert Panel 2 – TORS the Challenging Cases  
Moderator: Gregory S. Weinstein, MD
Participants: Ara A. Chalian, MD, Fernando Diaz, MD, F. Christopher Holsinger, MD, Eduardo Diaz, MD, Alexander Lin, MD

11:50 – 12:00 PM  Summary and Adjournment  
Gregory S. Weinstein, MD