
Remarks Honoring Dr. Abraham Shulman, Dr. Barbara Goldstein, and the Martha Entenmann Tinnitus Research Center

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Thank you all for coming today. As a member of the AAO-HNS Board of Directors, it is an honor to see all of you in attendance today and taking part in this opportunity to dialog about an important clinical topic. Through your attendance, each of you is making a difference in the treatment of patients with tinnitus.

This forum has a long tradition for being an important avenue of communication among experts about the latest advances in diagnosis and treatment of tinnitus. While the forum has been a part of the satellite program of the Foundation's annual meeting, it was never an official part of the Foundation's annual meeting, which meant that, if for any reason Dr. Abraham Shulman, Dr. Barbara Goldstein, or the Martha Entenmann Tinnitus Research Center were unable to coordinate this vital event, there would be none held for that year. Science moves too quickly to take the risk that a whole year's worth of advances would not be communicated.

I am pleased to stand before you today to say that thanks to the vision, leadership, and generosity of Abraham Shulman, Barbara Goldstein, and the Martha Entenmann Tinnitus Research Center, critical advances in the treatment of tinnitus will be shared on an ongoing basis. In 2009, these individuals illustrated their commitment to education by establishing the Foundation's first named mini-seminar. Beginning in 2010, the AAO-HNSF's Martha Entenmann Tinnitus Research Center, Inc., Abraham Shulman, MD, and Barbara Goldstein, PhD, International Tinnitus Mini-Seminar will have a reserved spot on the agenda of the annual meeting and OTO EXPO for a period of 5 years.

This mini-seminar will share state-of-the-art knowledge of tinnitus. It will be one-and-one-half hours long and run concurrently with other segments of the scientific program. Each year's mini-seminar will be selected through our peer-reviewed abstract process to ensure the highest-quality programming, and it will offer CME to attendees on an hour-for-hour basis.

For 2010–2014, Captain Michael Hoffer, MD, has been selected as lead presenter to submit an application for the AAO-HNSF, Martha Entenmann Tinnitus Research Center, Inc., Abraham Shulman, MD, and Barbara Goldstein, PhD, International Tinnitus Mini-Seminar. Those who are interested in working with Dr. Hoffer on this exciting abstract are invited to contact him directly.

The generosity of Dr. Shulman, Dr. Goldstein, and the Martha Entenmann Tinnitus Research Center cannot be emphasized enough. Through their philanthropy, they have made possible this excellent educational activity. Their generous gift has also provided critical funds for other Foundation tinnitus-related educational programming topics. For example, in addition to the 2010–2014 mini-seminar, their gift may be used to support costs associated with creation of the Foundation's enduring and online education programs, such as AcademyU, the Home Study Course, monographs, the Patient of the Month Program, and the Online Otolaryngology Study Guide—meaning even more of the latest advances in tinnitus will be shared on an ongoing basis.

I know many of you share Dr. Shulman's and Dr. Goldstein's desire to see tinnitus remain a part of the AAO-HNS Foundation's Annual Meeting for the long term. If you are interested in seeing this mini-seminar and tinnitus education available on a more permanent basis, I invite you to consider a gift to the Foundation in support of education. I hope you will continue the good work that Abe and Barbara started. Pledge envelopes are located at the back of the room, or please stop by the Millennium Society Lounge in room 7 of the convention center to speak with our development staff.

Thank you again for participating in this year's forum. I look forward to many years of sharing new knowledge in diagnosis and treatment of tinnitus.

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