

NYU LANGONE FACIAL NERVE SYMPOSIUM

Friday-Saturday, July 31 - August 1, 2026

AGENDA

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2026			
NYU Langone Facial Nerve Symposium - Friday, July 31			
7:00 AM EDT	Registration and Continental Breakfast		
8:00	Welcome and Announcements Danielle Eytan, MD	10:15	Keynote Speaker: Dr. Patrick Byrne, Cleveland Clinic Foundation "Gracilis free tissue transfer innovations: the elusive pursuit of the natural smile" Patrick Byrne
8:05	History of Facial Nerve at NYU J. Thomas Roland Jr., MD	11:00	Panel: Case Discussion, "Primary Reanimation Cases" Moderator: Danielle Eytan, MD Panelists: Patrick Byrne, Christopher Razavi, MD, Christina Yver, MD MBA
8:15	How to Utilize Intraoperative Nerve Monitoring in Skull Base Surgery David R. Friedmann, MD	12:00 PM EDT	Lunch
8:30	Management of the Large CPA Mass Paul A. Gardner, MD	1:00	"Pre-animation": A Shifting Paradigm for Facial Schwannomas Danielle Eytan, MD
9:00	Panel: Complex Case Discussion, "Skull Base Tumors with Facial Nerve Considerations" Moderator: Sean O. McMenomey, MD Panelists: Paul A. Gardner, MD, John G. Golfinos, MD, Donato R. Pacione, MD, J. Thomas Roland Jr., MD	1:15	Advancing the Role of Radiology in Facial Paralysis and Reanimation James R. Loftus, MD
9:45	Coffee Break	1:30	Panel: Multidisciplinary Management of NF2 Patients Moderator: J. Thomas Roland Jr., MD Panelists: Danielle Eytan, MD, David R. Friedmann, MD, John G. Golfinos, MD, Donato R. Pacione, MD
10:00	Managing Acute Facial Paralysis Christopher Razavi, MD	2:15	Facial Reanimation After Cancer Ablation Adam S. Jacobson, MD, Jamie Levine, MD
		2:30	Break
		2:45	Management of Hemifacial Spasm Rupa G. Juthani, MD

3:00	Corneal Neurotization and Management of the Eye in Facial Paralysis Stella Chung, MD
3:30	Title of Topic TBD Patrick Byrne
4:00	EMG In Facial Palsy Farng-Yang A. Foo, MD
4:15	Closing Remarks
4:20	Adjourn

12:00	Lunch
1:00	"Pre-animation": A Shifting Paradigm for Facial Schwannomas Danielle Eytan, MD
1:15	Starting the Journey: Lessons Learned as a New Clinician in Facial Rehabilitation Dana Lotan, DPT

1:30	Panel: Multidisciplinary Management of NF2 Patients Moderator: Danielle Eytan, MD Panelists: Paul A. Gardner, MD, Donato R. Pacione, MD, J. Thomas Roland Jr., MD
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2:30 **Break**

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3:15	Synkinesis in Focus: PT Approaches to Motor Control and Neuromuscular Retraining Jodi Janczewski, DPT
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3:30	The Real-World Side of Facial Rehab: Adherence, Access, and Strategies for Lasting Change (Speaker TBD)
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4:00	Connecting to the Facial Rehab Community: How to Find Mentors, Courses, and Clinical Guidance Jodi Janczewski, DPT
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4:15 **Closing Remarks**

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8:15 **Facial Nerve Anatomy**
Solomon Husain, MD

8:30 **Etiology of Facial Paralysis: Why It Matters for Rehab Planning**
Jenna DeSimone

9:00 **From First Look to Findings: A Practical Guide to the Facial Rehabilitation Evaluation**
Lauren Perillo, PT, DPT, NCS

9:45 **Coffee Break**

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026

NYU Langone Facial Nerve Symposium - Saturday, August 1

- 7:00 AM EDT **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00 **Welcome and Announcements**
Danielle Eytan, MD
- 8:05 **Facial Rehabilitation in Paralysis and Synkinesis**
Jodi Janczewski, DPT
- 8:30 **Chemodeneration in Synkinesis**
Judy W. Lee, MD
- 8:45 **Selective Myectomy in Synkinesis**
Christina Yver, MD MBA
- 9:00 **Free Tissue Transfer in the Synkinetic Patient**
Johnny Chuieng Yi Lu, MD
- 9:15 **Case Panel: "Chemodeneration Patterns"**
Panelists: Patrick Byrne, Judy W. Lee, MD, Christopher Razavi, MD, Christina Yver, MD MBA
- 10:00 **Coffee Break**
- 10:15 **Live Patient Demonstrations: Jenna DeSimone, PT demonstrations (2 patients- 1 synkinetic, 1 post-surgical masseteric nerve transfer) Judy Lee, MD- Chemodeneration (2 patients)**
Jenna DeSimone, Judy W. Lee, MD
- 11:30 **Panel: Patient Perspectives in Facial Paralysis**
- 12:15 PM EDT **Adjourn**