

STP Northeast Regional Symposium

October 8, 2026

"The Cochlea Under the Microscope: Insights into the Pathophysiology of Hearing"

Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc., 777 Old Saw Mill River Road, Tarrytown, NY 10591-6707

You are invited to join your colleagues in pharma and academia for a day-long STP Regional Symposium entitled "The Cochlea Under the Microscope: Insights into the Pathophysiology of Hearing" to be held on October 8, 2026, at Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc. in Tarrytown, NY. There is no fee to attend, however, registration is required, and we encourage you to register by September 25th as space is limited.

Breakfast, snacks, and lunch will be provided for the attendees.

Thank you to Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc. for their generous contribution towards this event.

AGENDA

(Times are Eastern Daylight Time, EDT)

8:00 AM–8:45 AM	Registration and Breakfast
8:45 AM–8:50 AM	Introduction Albert Canturri, <i>DVM, PhD, DECVP; Principal Pathologist, Pathology, DSP, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals</i>
8:50 AM–9:00 AM	Welcome Jon Popke, <i>PhD, MBA; VP, Nonclinical Drug Safety, DSP, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals</i>
9:00 AM–9:45 AM	Title: Pioneering a Genetic Medicine for OTOF-Related Deafness: The Story of Otarmeni Keynote speaker: Jonathon Whitton, <i>AuD, PhD; VP, Auditory Global Program Head, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals</i>
9:45 AM–10:00 AM	Break
10:00 AM–10:30 AM	Title: Considerations for Otic Toxicology Studies from an Anatomic Pathologist's Perspective Speaker: Tracy Carlson, <i>DVM, PhD, DACVP; Senior Pathologist, Greenfield Pathology Services</i>
10:30 AM–11:00 AM	Title: More than just an Earful: Comparing Auditory Systems in Vertebrates Speaker: Brad Njaa, <i>BSc, DVM, MVSc, DACVP; Senior Pathologist, Greenfield Pathology Services</i>
11:00 AM–11:30 AM	Title: <i>Ex-Vivo</i> and <i>in-Vivo</i> Models of Drug Delivery Using Pigs Speaker: Adele Moatti, <i>PhD; University of Pittsburgh</i>
11:30 AM–12:00 Noon	Title: At the Intersection of Toxicology and Device Pathology Speaker: Raquel Manrique, <i>MD, PhD; University of Navarra, Spain (Teams call)</i>
12:00 Noon–1:00 PM	Lunch / STP Updates Jennifer Dill-Okubo, <i>DVM, PhD, DACVP; Director, Pathology, DSP, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals</i>
1:00 PM–1:30 PM	Title: The Future Is Now: New Treatments for Genetic Hearing Loss Speaker: Zheng-Yi Chen, <i>D.Phil; Associate Professor of Otolaryngology, Harvard Medical School. Associate Scientist and Ines and Fredrick Yeatts Chair in Otolaryngology, Mass Eye and Ear</i>
1:30 PM–2:15 PM	Title: Intracochlear Administration Studies, from Surgery to Histopathology Speakers: Jean-Francois Lafond, <i>DMV, MSc, DES, DACVP, FIATP; Kelly Tenneson, BSc; Frederick Émond, SRS, Charles River Laboratories, Senneville, Canada</i>
2:15 PM–2:30 PM	Break
2:30 PM–3:00 PM	Title: Revealing the Emergence of Sound Processing and Perception in Deaf Adult Mice after Inner Ear Gene Therapy. Speaker: Kameron Clayton, <i>PhD; Instructor in Otolaryngology, Harvard Medical School. Investigator, Mass Eye and Ear</i>
3:00 PM–3:30 PM	Title: Cutting the Uncuttable — Making the Human Inner Ear a Practical Pathology Specimen Speaker: Andreas H. Eckhard, <i>MD; Assistant Professor of Otolaryngology, Harvard Medical School. Co-Director, Otopathology Laboratory, Mass Eye and Ear</i>
3:30 PM–4:00 PM	TBD
4:00 PM	<i>Social Discussion, Questions -> Move to Marriott Bar for those staying</i>