For patients with Chronic Rhinosinusitis adding salt to sinus washing solutions is like... adding insult to injury

Physiological saline and hypertonic salines have high ionic strengths (>154 and >500mMol respectively) these adversely affect innate immune peptides (lysosome, lactoferrin, Human Defensin Beta)\(^1,2\)

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I look forward to welcoming you all to Queensland in 2014.
Roger Grigg, ASOHNS 2014 ASM Convenor

INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

BENJAMIN EJ HARMILY MBBS, FJRCS, FACS, FRCS ENT Consultant paediatric otorhinolaryngologist at Great Ormond Street Hospital and Honorary Senior Lecturer at University College London. He is known for his experience in performing functional palate repairs in children and for surgery to correct congenital neck lumps, cysts and tumours. He was listed in The Times’ “Britain’s Top Surgeons” in 2011.

JEAN-PIERRE JEANNON MBBS, MRCS (ENG), MRCSE (ENG) Consultant ENT Head and Neck Surgeon at Guy’s and St Thomas’ NHS Trust, Guy’s Clinical Lead of the Head and Neck and Thyroid and Oesophageal Tumors at Guy’s Hospital and Chairperson of the South East London Cancer Network. Head and Neck Tumor Working Group. This is now one of the largest head and neck cancer centers in the UK, managing over 450 new cases per year.

BRADLEY W KESSER MD, MICS Assistant Professor at University of Virginia. His areas of interest are otology, neurotology, congenital and reformation, hearing loss, game therapy for our disorders and simulation is robotic surgery.

MICHAEL G STEWART MD, MHP(HPS) Professor and Chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery at Weill Medical College of Cornell University, New York. He is the current editor of Laryngoscope. Dr Stewart’s clinical practice is general otolaryngology, and he has particular interest in nose and sinus disease, sleep breathing disorders, and head and neck trauma.

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