



Annual Meeting

September 10-12, 2026
Raleigh, North Carolina

Meeting Agenda

Sessions, speakers, and times subject to change. All times listed as ET

Thursday, September 10th

6:45am–5:30pm	Registration Open			Glenwood Foyer
7:30–9:00am	Special Interest Group Sessions <i>Glenwood Foyer</i>		ICPNT Program Director Meeting <i>Creedmoor Room</i>	
9:00am–4:00pm	ICPNT Masterclass	EEG Workshop	Neuroanesthesia Crisis Management Workshop	
5:30–6:00pm	Trainee Engagement Committee Reception			Salon III
6:00–8:00pm	Opening Reception			Glenwood Terrace

Friday, September 11th

6:30–8:00am	Breakfast				Salons A-E
6:45am–5:30pm	Registration Open				Glenwood Foyer
7:00–7:55am	Problem Based Learning Discussion Sessions				
	Delayed Emergence After Brain Surgery: What to Do in the Unresponsive Patient <i>Shaun Gruenbaum, MD, PhD</i> <i>Salon III</i>	Failed Awake Craniotomy: Rescue Strategies <i>Swati Chhabra, MD</i> <i>Salon IV</i>	Massive Bleeding During Spine Surgery <i>Shilpa Rao, MD</i> <i>Dogwood-Sycamore</i>	Pulmonary Embolism During and Immediately After Neurosurgery: Prevention and Management <i>Anne Twardosky Di Donato, MD</i> <i>Salons F-H</i>	
8:00–8:05am	President’s Welcome <i>Girija P. Rath, MD, DM</i>				Salons I-II
8:05–9:05am	Keynote Speaker: Newer Advances in Neuro-Oncological Management-Oncolytic Virotherapy <i>James Markert, MD, MPH; Moderator: Girija P. Rath, MD, DM</i>				Salons I-II
9:05–10:00am	Winner Lecture: Impact of Sex Differences in TBI Outcomes: Path to Precision <i>Odette Harris, MD, MPH; Moderator: Maria Bustillo, MD</i>				Salons I-II
10:00–10:30am	Break with Exhibitors				Salons A-E
10:30am–12:00pm	Abstract Sessions				
	<i>Salon III</i>	<i>Salon IV</i>	<i>Dogwood-Sycamore</i>	<i>Salons F-H</i>	
12:00–1:00pm	Lunch				Salons A-E
12:30–1:00pm	Quiz <i>Moderators: Siddharth Chavali, MBBS, MD, DM, and Swati Chhabara, MD, DNB</i>				Salons I-II
Basic Neuroscience Session The Inflamed and Awakening Brain: Neuroscience of Sugery and Anesthesia <i>Moderator: Ines P. Koerner, MD, PhD</i>					Salons I-II
1:00–1:25pm	Neuroinflammation and Surgery <i>Niccolo Terrando, PhD</i>				
1:25–1:50pm	Emergence from General Anesthesia <i>Ken Solt, MD</i>				
1:50–2:00pm	Basic Neuroscience Session Q&A				



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Regional Neuroscience Symposium

One Brain, Many Practices: Variability and Outcomes in Neuroscience Anesthesiology and Critical Care

Salons I-II

Moderators: Geraldine B. Jose, MD, and Phuping Akavipat, MD, FRCAT, PhD

2:00–2:15pm	Practice Variability in Awake Cranial Procedures Faraz Shafiq, MBBS, MCPS, FCPS	
2:15–2:30pm	Trends in Anesthesia Practices and Outcomes Kristof Nijs, MD, PhD, MSc	
2:30–2:45pm	Pattern of Care for Postoperative Neurological Patients Saleh A. Alkhunein, MD, FNCC, MBA, MSc-HCM, DBA	
2:45–3:00pm	Regional Neuroscience Symposium Q&A	
3:00–3:30pm	Break with Exhibitors	Salons A-E

Clinical Perioperative Neuroscience Session

Rewriting the Concepts of Neuroanesthesia: Dogmas, Evidence, and Reality

Moderator: Angele Theard, MD

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Salons I-II

3:30–3:45pm	Neuro-Pharmacological Choices and Controversies Veerle de Sloovere, MD	
3:45–4:00pm	Brain Relaxation Techniques and Controversies Samuel N. Blacker, MD	
4:00–4:15pm	Personalized vs Standardized Blood Pressure Management Tumul Chowdhury, MD, DM, FRCPC, MSc	
4:15–4:30pm	Clinical Perioperative Neuroscience Session Q&A	

High Yield Papers Review Session

Frontiers in Neuroscience Anesthesiology and Critical Care: Technology, Technique, and Triage

Moderator: Maya Mikami, MD, PhD, MPH

Salons I-II

4:30–4:45pm	Technology and Beyond: Innovations Shaping Neuroanesthesia Chris Rishel, MD, PhD	
4:45–5:00pm	Cranial and Spine Surgery: Contemporary Anesthetic Practices and Pitfalls Deepali Garg, MD	
5:00–5:15pm	Neurocritical Care: Evolving Paradigms from OR to ICU Robin Bush, MD	
5:15–5:30pm	High Yield Papers Review Session Q&A	
5:30–6:00pm	American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) Session: Clinical Burnout and Wellbeing Deepak Sharma, MBBS, MD, DM, FASA	
6:00–8:00pm	President's Reception (Invite Only)	Glenwood Terrace

Saturday, September 12th

6:30–8:00am	Breakfast	Salons A-E
6:45–10:00am	Registration Open	Glenwood Foyer
7:00–7:55am	Committee Meetings	Salons A-E
8:00–9:30am	Saturday Abstract Sessions	
	Salon III	Salon IV
	Dogwood-Sycamore	Salons F-H
9:30–10:00am	Break with Exhibitors	Salons A-E



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Neuroscience Symposium

Moderator: Johannes Ehler, MD

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10:00–10:15am Genetic Biomarkers of Brain Vulnerability
Miles Berger, MD, PhD

10:15–10:30am EEG Phenotypes as Precision Tools
Andrew McKinstry-Wu, MD

10:30–10:45am Epigenetic Biomarkers of Brain Vulnerability
Nadia Lunardi, MD, PhD

10:45–11:00am Neuroscience Symposium Q&A

Global Neuroanesthesia Clinical Forum

Neuroanesthesia and Critical Care in LMICs: Challenges and Innovations

Moderator: Abhijit Lele, MD, MSCR, FNCS, CPHQ

Salons I-II

11:00–11:15am Forging Future Neuroanaesthesiology: Teaching, Training and Clinical Ingenuity in LMICs
Lilian Lukoko, MD

11:15–11:30am Setting Minimum Standards for Safe Practices in Neuroanesthesia and Critical Care
Ananya Abate Shiferaw, MD, FCA

11:30–11:45am International Collaboration and Partnerships to Improve Neuroanesthesia and Critical Care – Present and Future
Anthony Reed

11:45am–12:00pm Global Neuroanesthesia Clinical Forum Q&A

12:00–1:30pm Lunch/Business Meeting & Awards

Salons I-II

1:30–2:45pm Best of Science
Moderator: Kathleen Vincent, PhD

Salons I-II

2:45–3:15pm Break with Exhibitors

Salons A-E

Clinical Spine Session

From Blocks to Beeps: Navigating Spine Anesthesia Safely

Moderator: Claudia F. Clavijo, MD

Salons I-II

3:15–3:30pm Scoliosis – Challenges and Practices
Jamie Uejima, MD

3:30–3:45pm Regional Blocks – Do These Really Work?
Kan Ma, MD, FRCPC

3:45–4:00pm Neuromonitoring – How to Interpret?
Nitin Manohara, MD, DM

4:00–4:15pm Clinical Spine Session Q&A

Clinical Neurovascular Session

Battle of Two Brains: Does Anesthesiologist-Led Care and General Anesthesia Improve Stroke Outcomes?

Moderator: Kristof Nijs, MD, MSc

Salons I-II

4:15–4:30pm Guardians of the Brain: Why Anesthesiologist-Led Care Matters in Stroke
Sonal Sharma, MBBS, MD

4:30–4:45pm Protecting the Ischemic Brain: The Case for General Anesthesia
Deepak Sharma, MBBS, MD, DM, FASA

4:45–4:55pm Clinical Neurovascular Session Q&A

4:55–5:00pm Closing Remarks
Angele Theard, MD