



Florida Neurosurgical Society
2026 Annual Meeting
Friday, August 14 – Sunday, August 16
The Breakers | Palm Beach, FL

PROGRAM

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026

3:00 - 6:00 PM Exhibitor Set-Up
5:00 - 6:00 PM FNS Board of Directors Meeting
6:00 - 6:30 PM Attendee Registration
6:30 - 7:30 PM Opening Cocktail Reception (Light hors d'oeuvres and cocktails)
 Ponce Ballroom 4

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026

7:00 - 8:00 AM Breakfast in Exhibit Hall
 Ponce Ballroom 4

8:00 - 8:05 AM Welcome and Call to Order for the FNS Annual Meeting
 Adam Polifka, MD **Ashish Shah, MD**
 FNS President FNS Program Chair

8:05 - 8:25 AM *Resident Abstract Presentations I (5 minute presentations)*

8:05 – 8:10AM *Maximal Safe Resection of Cavernous Sinus Meningioma via a Pretemporal Transcavernous Approach: A Single Institution Experience*
 Safwan Alomari, MD

8:10 – 8:15AM *Developing Liquid Biopsy Candidates in Glioblastoma*
 Vaidya Govindarajan, MD

8:15 – 8:20AM *Primary Pediatric Brain Tumors in a Low-Middle Income Country in Sub Saharan Africa: A Ten-Year Retrospective Review of PBTs in KwaZulu Natal*
 Amanda Stanton, MD

8:20 – 8:25AM *Predictors of No Show in a Pediatric Neurosurgical Clinic within a Public Hospital*
 Sima Vazquez, MD

8:25 - 8:30 AM Resident Questions & Answers

8:30 - 9:05 AM *Novel approaches to Spinal Cord Injury*
 Moderator: **Shelby Burks, MD**
 Peripheral nerve transfer for SCI : **Shelby Burks, MD**
 Biomarkers of SCI: **Daryl Fields, MD**
 Less, More, or Circumferential? Tailoring Reconstruction to Injury Morphology: **Nauman S. Chaudhry, MD**

9:05 - 9:10 AM	Questions & Answers
9:10 - 9:40 AM	Complex Tumor Surgery: Management of Complications Moderator: Ashish H. Shah, MD Panelist: Mel Field, MD Panelist: Mike Ivan, MD Panelist: Kaishorn Chaichana, MD
9:40 – 9:45 AM	Questions & Answers
9:45 – 9:55 AM	Brain tumors and brachytherapy: updates nuances Aristotelis Filippidis MD PhD
9:55 – 10:00AM	<i>Congressional Platform Update</i> John Cowan, MD
10:00 - 10:20 AM	Break & Visit Exhibits <i>Ponce Ballroom 4</i>
10:20 - 10:50 AM	<i>Keynote Speakers: A tale of two cities: building a neurosurgery program over 25 years</i> Barth Green, MD and Roberto C. Heros, MD
10:50 - 11:00 AM	Questions & Answers
11:00 - 11:10 AM	<i>Updates in management of Trigeminal Neuralgia</i> Hamid Borghei-Razavi, M.D, FACS
11:10 - 11:15 AM	Questions & Answers
11:15 - 12:00 PM	<i>Bypass vs. Endovascular Treatment Panel</i> Moderator: Adib Abla, MD Panelist: Kunal Vakharia, MD Panelist: Adib Abla, MD Panelist: Rabih Tawk, MD
12:00 - 12:05 PM	Introduction of Lyerly Lecturer Ashish Shah, MD
12:05 - 12:55 PM	Lyerly Lecture: <i>Super Blue Collar</i> Michael Y, Wang, MD
12:55 - 1:00 PM	Questions & Answers
1:00 - 1:30 PM	Lunch with Exhibitors <i>Ponce Ballroom 4</i>

1:30 - 3:30PM Prevention of Medical Errors (for Florida medical license renewal, optional)
Mark Shaya, MD

6:30 – 8:00PM Reception with Live Music (this is a family friendly event)
Mediterranean Ballroom

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

7:00 - 8:00 AM Breakfast in Exhibit Hall
Ponce Ballroom 4

8:00 - 8:05 AM Call to Order
Ashish Shah, MD (FNS Program Chair)

8:05 - 8:25 AM *Advocacy within Pediatric Neurosurgery*
Hassan Akbari, MD

8:25 - 8:30 AM Questions & Answers

8:30 – 8:50 AM *Medical Malpractice lecture*
Allan Levi MD PhD
Sumedh Shah, MD

8:50 - 8:55 AM Questions & Answers

8:55 – 9:45 AM A new era of spine surgery - what's on the horizon
Endoscopy - it's no longer fringe surgery - Steve Pirris, MD
Challenging conventional wisdom - new technology which may suggest a paradigm shift
in treating painful discs - Greg Basil, MD
Ok I'm interested in endoscopy - where do I begin - Patrick Kim, MD

9:45 - 10:05 AM Keynote Speaker: *Spinal and Brain Injuries in Sports Past, Present and Future*
Joe Maroon, MD

10:05 - 10:10 AM Questions & Answers

10:10 - 10:30 AM Break & Visit Exhibits
Ponce Ballroom 4

10:30 - 10:50 AM *Frontiers and Advances in Neuromodulation*
Joe Gracioli, MD PhD
Jeremy Belzhibnyk MD
Kelly Foote, MD

10:50 - 10:55 AM Questions & Answers

10:55 - 11:05 AM FNS General Business Meeting
Adam Polifka, MD (FNS President)

11:05 - 11:15 AM	Legislative and Regulatory Update Chris Nuland
11:15 - 11:25 AM	PAC Update Steve Pirris, MD
11:25 - 12:15 PM	Resident Paper Presentations II (5 minute presentations)
11:25 – 11:30AM	<i>Topographical Data Analysis reveals differential changes in MRI of treated malignant gliomas across species</i> Rachel Moor, MD
11:30 – 11:35AM	<i>Development of a mouse model of neuro-endovascular delivery of targeted therapies and translational applications</i> Zachary Sorrentino, MD, PhD
11:35 – 11:40AM	<i>Predictors and Outcomes of Chronic Transformation in Conservatively Managed Acute Subdural Hematoma</i> Danyas Sarathy, MD
11:40 – 11:45AM	<i>Dual-Biofluid Profiling Reveals Sustained Inflammasome Activation After Acute Spinal Cord Injury</i> Adham Khalafallah, MD
11:45 – 11:50AM	<i>The GTR Drain: a multimodal neuromonitoring device for detection of spinal cord injury</i> Serban Negoita, MD
11:50 – 11:55AM	<i>High Frequency Oscillations Correlate with Tremor Rating Score in Essential Tremor</i> Brittany Liebenow, MD
11:55 – 12:00PM	<i>Automated CPT Code Extraction From Spine Surgery Operative Notes Using Large Language Models</i> Long Di, MD
12:00 – 12:05PM	<i>A Multiomic Signature Score Predicts Survival After Laser Interstitial Thermal Therapy for Glioblastoma</i> Jay Chandar, MD
12:05 - 12:15 PM	Resident Questions & Answers
12:15 - 12:20 PM	Presentation of Resident Paper Winner
12:20 – 12:30PM	Conference Wrap-up & Adjourn

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