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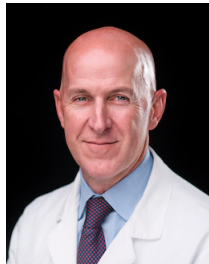


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— MAY 15-17, 2026 —



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SNS MISSION/PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Society of Neurological Surgeons holds as its principal mission:

To advance the quality of care of neurosurgical patients by promoting excellence in education and research.

The Society fulfills its mission by pursuing the following goals:

- Continue development of the field of neurological surgery, including graduate and postgraduate education.
- Bestow recognition upon persons of outstanding ability and excellence in their work and teaching. Such recognition is bestowed by appointment to membership or by appearance on the program at appropriate times.
- Enhance the role and stature of neurosurgical units in academic medical centers.
- Ensure that patients with nervous system disease receive the highest quality care.
- Encourage and support research in neuroscience.

At the conclusion of the 2026 SNS Annual Meeting, participants will be able to:

- Streamline the process by which resident applicants are reviewed by understanding the latest data on the predictive value of the various components of the application.
- Recall the latest training program standards and trainee educational opportunities and needs.
- Create novel programs to foster leadership and innovation.

FOUNDATIONS and FRONTIERS

This live meeting, titled *Foundations and Frontiers*, will include lectures by renowned specialists and invited speakers, panel discussions, and opportunities for questions and answers. Attending neurosurgeons and program directors involved in neurosurgical residency training and graduate medical education are the intended audience for this program.

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CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

Accreditation Statement



This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) and the Society of Neurological Surgeons. The CNS is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ Designation Statement

The CNS designates this live activity for a maximum of 18.75 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Evaluations

The evaluation process is a key component in providing cutting-edge programming at the 2026 SNS Annual Meeting. Your feedback on the quality and diversity of the program helps to determine future meeting programming. Your voice is important, and your opinions are valued!

CME Credit and Certificate of Attendance

CME credits can be claimed through the online system at <https://societyns.org/2026-annual-meeting>. The CNS CME tracking system allows you to claim CME credit or Certificate of Attendance hours for the meeting. All attendees should only claim credit or hours of attendance commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Upon completion, your CME certificate will be immediately available to print from the convenience of your home or office.

Disclosures

The Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education requires that anyone in a position to control the content of the educational activity disclose all financial relationships with any ACCME-defined Ineligible Company*. As the accredited provider, the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) is responsible for identifying relevant financial relationships between individuals in control of educational content and ineligible companies and managing these to ensure they do not introduce commercial bias into the education. Failure or refusal to disclose or the inability to satisfactorily resolve the identified conflict may result in the withdrawal of the invitation to participate in any of the CNS educational activities.

*The ACCME defines an "Ineligible Company" as those whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, re-selling, or distributing healthcare products used by or on patients.

A list of financial disclosures relevant to the meeting will be posted before the meeting on the meeting's web page.

FDA Statement

Some drugs or medical devices demonstrated at the Annual Meeting have not been cleared by the FDA or have been cleared by the FDA for specific purposes only. The FDA has stated that it is the physician's responsibility to determine the FDA clearance status of each drug or medical device they wish to use in clinical practice. The CNS policy provides that "off-label" uses of a drug or medical device may be described at the SNS Annual Meeting so long as the "off-label" use of the drug or medical device is also specifically disclosed.

Any drug or medical device is "off label" if the described use is not set forth on the product's approved label. It is also each speaker's responsibility to include the FDA clearance status of any device or drug requiring FDA approval discussed or described in their presentation or to describe the lack of FDA clearance for any "off-label" uses discussed.

REGISTERED GUESTS

INVITED GUESTS*

GUEST'S HOST

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| Leslie Acakpo-Satchivi | <i>Devin Amin</i> |
| Zarina Ali | <i>Daniel Yoshor</i> |
| Anubhav Amin | <i>Louis Kim</i> |
| Jeffrey Blount | <i>James Markert</i> |
| Bradley Bohnstedt | <i>Mitesh Shah</i> |
| Rolando Del Maestro | <i>SNS Invited Speaker</i> |
| Rupen Desai | <i>Nathan Zwagerman</i> |
| Michael Dewan | <i>John Wellons</i> |
| Katrina Ducis | <i>Andrew Jea</i> |
| Robert Ecker | <i>Chris Neal</i> |
| Ira Goldstein | <i>Michael Schulder</i> |
| Kunal Gupta | <i>Nathan Zwagerman</i> |
| Mark Harrigan | <i>SNS Invited Speaker</i> |
| Martin Herman | <i>Mohamad Bydon</i> |
| Jason Heth | <i>Karin Muraszko</i> |
| Justin Hilliard | <i>Greg Murad</i> |
| Michael Huang | <i>Geoffrey Manley</i> |
| Albert Kim | <i>Gregory Zipfel</i> |
| Irene Kim | <i>Marjorie Wang</i> |
| Omar Lateef | <i>SNS Invited Speaker</i> |
| Cole Lewis | <i>Arthur Day</i> |

INVITED GUESTS*

GUEST'S HOST

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| Brenessa Lindeman | <i>SNS Invited Speaker</i> |
| Adrienne Moraff | <i>Perry Ball</i> |
| Christopher Ogilvy | <i>SNS Invited Speaker</i> |
| Katie Orrico | <i>SNS Invited Speaker</i> |
| Kara Parikh | <i>James Markert</i> |
| Laura Prolo | <i>John Ratliff</i> |
| Craig Rabb | <i>Lawrence Chin</i> |
| Jacob Ruzevick | <i>Manny Ferreira</i> |
| Carolina Sandoval-Garcia | <i>Matthew Hunt</i> |
| Sepehr Sani | <i>Ricardo Fontes</i> |
| Roberta Sefcik | <i>Alejandro Spiotta</i> |
| Ashish Shah | <i>SNS Invited Speaker</i> |
| Mahesh Shenai | <i>James Ecklund</i> |
| Anthony Sin | <i>Bharat Guthikonda</i> |
| Timothy Smith | <i>SNS Invited Speaker</i> |
| Anastasia Smith | <i>James Markert</i> |
| James Stadler | <i>Daniel Resnick</i> |
| Scellig Stone | <i>Mark Proctor</i> |
| Phillip Storm | <i>Daniel Yoshor</i> |
| Pascal Zinn | <i>Raymond Sekula</i> |

**As of April 18, 2026

MEETING AGENDA

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026

Sheraton Birmingham Hotel

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| 7:00 am-3:15 pm | REGISTRATION | <i>Birmingham Ballroom Foyer</i> |
| 7:00-8:00 am | BREAKFAST | <i>Birmingham Ballroom 1</i> |
| 8:00 am-12:00 pm | SESSION 1: FOUNDATIONS AND FRONTIERS OF EDUCATION AND ASSESSMENT <i>MODERATORS: Mark R. Proctor, MD, and Marjorie C. Wang, MD</i> | <i>Birmingham Ballroom 2</i> |
| 8:00-8:05 am | Welcome and Opening Remarks Richard W. Byrne, MD | |
| 8:05-8:20 am | A Brief History of Neurosurgery Education Richard W. Byrne, MD | |
| 8:20-8:35 am | A Critical Appraisal of Milestones Nathan R. Selden, MD, PhD | |
| 8:35-8:55 am | History and Importance of Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) in Medical Education Michael S. Ryan, MD | |
| 8:55-9:15 am | General Surgery EPAs Brenessa M. Lindeman, MD | |
| 9:15-9:25 am | Proposed Neurosurgery EPAs Krystal L. Tomei, MD | |
| 9:25-9:35 am | Proposal for Evaluation of Surgical Skills Among Trainees Daniel A. Donoho, MD | |
| 9:35-10:00 am | Panel Discussion and Q&A Daniel A. Donoho, MD, Brenessa M. Lindeman, MD, Michael S. Ryan, MD, Nathan R. Selden, MD, PhD, and Krystal L. Tomei, MD | |
| 10:00-10:30 am | BREAK | <i>Birmingham Ballroom Foyer</i> |
| 10:30-10:40 am | RRC: New and Essential Information Richard G. Ellenbogen, MD | |
| 10:40-10:50 am | CAST: New and Essential Information Vincent C. Traynelis, MD | |
| 10:50-11:00 am | ABNS: New and Essential Information Howard A. Riina, MD | |

MEETING AGENDA

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026 – *continued*

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| 11:00-11:10 am | Washington Committee Update Charlotte Pineda |
| 11:10-11:20 am | Mapping the Neurosurgical Workforce: Trends, Gaps and Opportunities Katie O. Orrico, JD |
| 11:20-11:30 am | Medical Student Committee: New and Essential Information Nisha Gadgil, MD |
| 11:30-11:40 am | CoRE: New and Essential Information Nicholas C. Bambakidis, MD |
| 11:40-11:45 am | RUNN Course Update Russell R. Lonser, MD |
| 11:45-11:55 am | ARANS: New and Essential Information Shanna E. Selsor |
| 11:55 am-12:00 pm | Residency Program Administrator Award Richard W. Byrne, MD |


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| 12:00-1:00 pm | LUNCH | <i>Birmingham Ballroom 1</i> |
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| 1:00-4:15 pm | SESSION 2: NEUROSURGERY MATCH AND TRAINING <i>MODERATORS:</i> Carolyn S. Quinsey, MD, and Renee M. Reynolds, MD | <i>Birmingham Ballroom 2</i> |
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| 1:00-1:10 pm | The History of the Neurosurgery Match Kim J. Burchiel, MD |
| 1:10-1:20 pm | Mechanics of the Match: Signaling, Who's Funding Resident Match Travel? Virtual vs. In-Person Interviews Stacey Q. Wolfe, MD |
| 1:20-1:30 pm | What Predicts Resident's Success? Ian F. Dunn, MD |
| 1:30-1:40 pm | What Predicts Resident's Failure and Early Interventions for Troubled Residents Paul J. Camarata, MD |
| 1:40-1:50 pm | Teaching Professionalism in Residency Ricardo B.V. Fontes, MD, PhD |
| 1:50-1:55 pm | Q&A |
| 1:55-2:05 pm | SNS Neurosurgeon-Educator Fellowship Wenya Linda Bi, MD, PhD |

MEETING AGENDA

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026 – *continued*

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| 2:05-2:15 pm | Introduction to the New Chair Coaching Program Karin M. Muraszko, MD | |
| 2:15-2:25 pm | Succeeding on the Clinician Educator Track Nicholas M. Barbaro, MD | |
| 2:25-2:30 pm | Q&A | |
| 2:30-3:00 pm | BREAK | <i>Birmingham Ballroom Foyer</i> |
| 3:00-3:05 pm | Distinguished Service Award Introduction E. Sander Connolly Jr., MD | |
| 3:05-3:15 pm | Distinguished Service Award Acceptance Alan R. Cohen, MD | |
| 3:15-3:20 pm | Introduction of Winn Prize Lecturer E. Sander Connolly Jr., MD | |
| 3:20-4:05 pm | Winn Prize Lecture Issam A. Awad, MD | |
| 4:05-4:15 pm | Q&A | |
| 4:15-5:30 pm | SNS COMMITTEE MEETINGS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAST Committee <i>Forum H-I</i> • Committee on Resident Education (CoRE)..... <i>Forum G</i> • Medical Student Committee <i>Forum AB</i> • Research Committee <i>Forum C</i> <p><i>Held in the Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex (BJCC)</i></p> | |
| 6:00-8:00 pm | WELCOME RECEPTION <i>Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum</i> <i>See page 13 for more information</i> |  |

MEETING AGENDA

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026

Sheraton Birmingham Hotel / Hill Student Center

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| 6:30 am-12:00 pm and 1:00-4:00 pm | REGISTRATION | <i>Birmingham Ballroom Foyer</i> |
| 6:30-7:30 am | BREAKFAST | <i>Birmingham Ballroom 1</i> |
| 7:30 am | Buses depart from the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel to the Hill Student Center. | |
| 8:00 am-12:00 pm | SESSION 1: UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, BIRMINGHAM | <i>Ballroom, Hill Student Center</i> |
| | MODERATORS: Mark R. Harrigan, MD, and Brandon G. Rocque, MD | |
| 8:00-8:05 am | Welcome James M. Markert, Jr., MD | |
| 8:05-8:10 am | Welcome to the Heersink School of Medicine Anupam Agarwal, MD | |
| 8:10-8:20 am | Introduction James M. Markert, Jr., MD | |
| 8:20-8:30 am | Host Program Video James M. Markert, Jr., MD | |
| 8:30-8:45 am | UAB and its Acquisition of SVB S. Dawn Bulgarella, MSHA, CPA | |
| 8:45-9:00 am | Foundations: Neurosurgery and Spine Mark N. Hadley, MD | |
| 9:00-9:10 am | Frontiers of Spine Surgery Jakub Godzik, MD | |
| 9:10-9:25 am | Transition Clinic: The UAB/COA Model Jeffrey P. Blount, MD | |
| 9:25-9:35 am | GAPSBiF, UAB and the Folate Story Anastasia Smith, DrPH | |
| 9:35-9:50 am | Growing a Global Neurosurgery Program James M. Johnston, Jr., MD | |
| 9:50-10:00 am | How to Build a Center Nicole J. Bentley, MD | |

MEETING AGENDA

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026 – *continued*

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| 10:00-10:30 am | BREAK | <i>Ballroom Foyer, Hill Student Center</i> |
| 10:30-10:32 am | Introduction of Keynote Speaker Richard W. Byrne, MD | |
| 10:32-11:00 am | Keynote Speech: Advances in Healthcare Artificial Intelligence John D. Halamka, MD | |
| 11:00-11:15 am | Q&A | |
| 11:15-11:20 am | Introduction of President Richard W. Byrne, MD Nathan R. Selden, MD, PhD | |
| 11:20-11:55 am | Presidential Address Richard W. Byrne, MD | |
| 11:55 am-12:00 pm | Passing of the Gavel Richard W. Byrne, MD | |
| 12:00-1:00 pm | LUNCH | <i>Ballroom, Hill Student Center</i> |
| 1:00-5:15 pm | SESSION 4: NEUROSURGEONS LEADING - MOVING ON AND MOVING UP MODERATORS: Mark D. Krieger, MD, and Mark M. Souweidane, MD | <i>Ballroom, Hill Student Center</i> |
| 1:00-1:10 pm | Assessing Major Moves in Your Career Daniel Yoshor, MD | |
| 1:10-1:12 pm | Introduction of Keynote Speaker Richard W. Byrne, MD | |
| 1:12-1:40 pm | Keynote Speech: Running an Academic Medical Center: Rankings and Ratings Omar B. Lateef, DO | |
| 1:40-2:40 pm | Panel Discussion: Presidents, CEOs, Deans Robert S. Carter, MD, Lawrence S. Chin, MD, Ian F. Dunn, MD, Omar B. Lateef, DO, Fredric B. Meyer, MD, and Nathan R. Selden, MD, PhD | |
| 2:40-3:25 pm | Fireside Chat with Rick Pitino Moderators: Richard W. Byrne, MD, and James M. Markert, Jr., MD | |
| 3:25-3:40 pm | BREAK | <i>Ballroom Foyer, Hill Student Center</i> |

MEETING AGENDA

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026 – *continued*

- 3:40-3:45 pm** **Introduction of History Lecture**
Kim J. Burchiel, MD
- 3:45-4:05 pm** **History of Tumor**
Linda M. Liau, MD, PhD, MBA
- 4:05-4:10 pm** **Q&A**
- 4:10-4:20 pm** **Neurosurgeon-Scientist Training Program**
Constantinos G. Hadjipanayis, MD, PhD
- 4:20-4:30 pm** **K12 Pipeline Accelerator and Neurosurgeon Research Career Development Program**
Gregory J. Zipfel, MD
- 4:30-4:35 pm** **Q&A**
- 4:35-4:45 pm** **History of Neurosurgical Publications**
Frederick G. Barker, II, MD
- 4:45-4:55 pm** **Future of Neurosurgical Publication**
Douglas S. Kondziolka, MD
- 4:55-5:15 pm** **Panel Discussion with Questions: Best Path Forward in Neurosurgical Publications**
Frederick G. Barker, II, MD, Todd C. Hollon, MD, Douglas S. Kondziolka, MD, and Eric K. Oermann, MD

5:15 pm Buses depart from the Hill Student Center to the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel.

7:00-9:30 pm **GALA DINNER**
Birmingham Ballroom 1, Sheraton Birmingham Hotel
See page 13 for more information



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SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

Sheraton Birmingham Hotel



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| 7:00 am-12:45 pm | REGISTRATION | <i>Birmingham Ballroom Foyer</i> |
| 7:00-8:00 am | MEMBERS ONLY BREAKFAST AND BUSINESS MEETING | <i>Birmingham Ballroom 2</i> |
| 7:00-8:00 am | NON-MEMBERS BREAKFAST | <i>Birmingham Ballroom 1</i> |
| 8:00-11:45 am | SESSION 5: SUCCEEDING IN THE EDUCATOR AND LEADERSHIP TRACKS MODERATORS: Bernard R. Bendok, MD, and Edward R. Smith, MD | <i>Birmingham Ballroom 2</i> |
| 8:00-8:05 am | Introduction of Grossman Award Lecture Richard W. Byrne, MD | |
| 8:05-8:35 am | Grossman Award Lecture: Artificial Intelligence - Augmented Human Instruction for Neurosurgical Training: A Path Forward Rolando Del Maestro, MD, PhD | |
| 8:35-8:40 am | Q&A | |
| 8:40-8:42 am | Introduction of Medical Student Teaching Award Judy Huang, MD | |
| 8:42-8:47 am | Medical Student Teaching Award Acceptance Alan R. Cohen, MD | |
| 8:47-8:49 am | Introduction of Resident Teaching Award Wenya Linda Bi, MD, PhD | |
| 8:49-9:05 am | Resident Teaching Award Acceptance Martina Stippler, MD | |
| 9:05-9:15 am | Acute Care Neurosurgery: Reimagining Roles Patricia B. Raksin, MD | |

MEETING AGENDA

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026 – *continued*

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| 9:15-9:19 am | Leadership in Neurological Surgery (LeNS) Fellowship David D. Limbrick, Jr., MD, PhD |
| 9:19-9:23 am | LeNS Fellowship: Physician-Scientist Maxwell Boakye, MD, MBA |
| 9:23-9:27 am | LeNS Fellowship: Program Growth Christina M. Sayama, MD |
| 9:27-9:31 am | LeNS Fellowship: Global Training Farhan Siddiq, MD |
| 9:31-9:44 am | LeNS Fellowship: Program Director Tenure Maxwell Boakye, MD, MBA, Christina M. Sayama, MD, and Farhan Siddiq, MD |
| 9:44-9:50 am | Q&A |

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| 9:50-10:05 am | BREAK | <i>Birmingham Ballroom Foyer</i> |
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| 10:05-11:45 am | RESIDENCY STRUCTURE MODERATORS: Ellen L. Air, MD, PhD, and Nicole J. Bentley, MD |
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| 10:05-10:15 am | History of Residency Structure Robert J. Dempsey, MD |
| 10:15-10:25 am | Future Directions of Residency Structure (How do you accommodate the 6+1?) Ashish H. Shah, MD |
| 10:25-10:35 am | Running Neurosciences as Service Lines vs. Traditional Departmental Model Michael P. Steinmetz, MD |
| 10:35-10:45 am | Assessing Attendings via an Objective Standardized Approach Mark N. Hadley, MD, and Neil A. Martin, MD |
| 10:45-10:55 am | Importance and Unique Considerations for Smaller Programs Scott D. Wait, MD |
| 10:55-11:05 am | Program Directors Toolkit Josiah N. Orina, MD |
| 11:05-11:15 am | Managing a Residency Inpatient Services: Call, Night Float, APP Curtis J. Rozzelle, MD |
| 11:15-11:25 am | Values, Venues and Voices: Generational Othering and Learning Styles Across Generations Seunggu J. Han, MD |

MEETING AGENDA

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026 – *continued*



11:25-11:35 am **How Do We Incorporate Endovascular Training?**
Christopher S. Ogilvy, MD

11:35-11:45 am **Q&A**

11:45 am-12:30 pm **LUNCH** *Birmingham Ballroom 1*

12:30-1:45 pm **SESSION 6: FOUNDATIONS AND FRONTIERS** *Birmingham Ballroom 2*
MODERATORS: Ellen L. Air, MD, PhD, and Nicole J. Bentley, MD

12:30-12:40 pm **Digital Medicine and Digital Phenotyping in Neurosurgery**
Timothy R. Smith, MD, PhD

12:40-12:50 pm **How Big Data Will Impact Neurosurgery**
Mohamad Bydon, MD

12:50-1:00 pm **Q&A**

1:00-1:35 pm **Bending Toward Justice: The Birmingham Church Bombing that Changed
the Course of Civil Rights**
G. Douglas Jones, Attorney and Former United States Senator (2018-2021)

1:35-1:45 pm **Intro for 2027 SNS Annual Meeting and Closing Remarks**
Richard W. Byrne, MD, and Ziya L. Gokaslan, MD

GENERAL INFORMATION

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE REGISTRATION FEE?

- Daily Breakfasts, Lunches, and Beverage Breaks
- Daily Scientific Sessions
- Friday Welcome Reception
- Saturday Gala Dinner

WELCOME RECEPTION

The Welcome Reception will take place on Friday, May 15 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum. Enjoy cocktails and light hors d'oeuvres while networking with your colleagues. **Attire:** Business Casual.

Buses depart at 5:30 pm from the main hotel entrance of the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel to the Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum.

GALA DINNER

Join us for the SNS Gala Dinner on Saturday, May 16 from 7:00-9:30 pm in Birmingham Ballroom 1 at the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel. A plated dinner will be served.

Attire: Black Tie Optional.

ONSITE REGISTRATION HOURS

Registration on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday will take place in the Birmingham Ballroom Foyer at the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel.

Friday, May 15 7:00 am-3:15 pm

Saturday, May 16 6:30 am-12:00 pm and 1:00-4:00 pm

Sunday, May 17 7:00 am-12:45 pm

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, BIRMINGHAM

On Saturday, May 16, morning programming will be provided by the University of Alabama, Birmingham in the Ballroom of the Hill Student Center (1400 University Blvd, Birmingham, AL 35294).



AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT/SPECIAL NEEDS AND REQUESTS

The Society of Neurological Surgeons wishes to take the necessary steps to ensure that no individual with a disability is excluded, denied services, segregated, or otherwise treated differently than other individuals because of the absence of auxiliary aids and services. Please let us know if, under the ADA, you require special accommodations or services in order to attend the 2026 SNS Annual Meeting.

Your requirements should be sent directly to the Society of Neurological Surgeons by emailing info@societyns.org or by calling 847-805-4515. Please provide any requests at least 30 days prior to the SNS Annual Meeting to guarantee accommodation.

NO-SMOKING POLICY

Smoking is not permitted at any official SNS Annual Meeting events.

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| Member-at-Large | Stacey Q. Wolfe, MD |
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| Historian | Kim J. Burchiel, MD |
| Local Host | James M. Markert, Jr., MD |

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

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| ABNS Ad Hoc Member | Howard A. Riina, MD |
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| Medical Student Committee | Akash J. Patel, MD |
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| Research Committee | Peter Kan, MD |

**STANDING COMMITTEES, SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES, SNS MEMBERS,
AWARD RECIPIENTS, AND SOCIETY HISTORY**

STANDING COMMITTEES

A list of all current SNS Committees can be found on the SNS website at societyns.org/about/committees.



SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES

A list of all current Society Representatives can be found on the SNS website at societyns.org/about/society-representatives.

SNS MEMBERS

All Active, Senior, Positional, and Honorary members of the SNS can be found on the SNS website utilizing the Member Director at: societyns.org/membership/member-directory.



AWARD RECIPIENTS

All past award winners for the Bass Awards Lecturers, Distinguished Service Award, Grass Foundation Awards, Grossman Award Lecturers, Medical Student Teaching Awards, and Winn Prize can be found on the SNS website at: societyns.org/about/awards.

PAST OFFICERS

Past officers of The Society can be found on the SNS website at: societyns.org/about/history-detail/past-officers-of-society.



SOCIETY HISTORY

A full history of The Society of Neurological Surgeons can be found on the SNS website at: societyns.org/about/history-detail/preface.

**100 Years of
Neurosurgery**



DECEASED MEMBERS

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| John E. Adams, MD | 1999 | Robert L. Campbell, MD | 2018 |
| Alfred W. Adson, MD | 1951 | Louis P. Carter, MD | 2010 |
| Eben Alexander, Jr., MD | 2004 | Thomas E. Carter, MD | 2006 |
| John F. Alksne, MD | 2024 | Justin S. Cetas, MD, PhD | 2022 |
| Marshall B. Allen, Jr., MD | 2015 | Joseph Chandy, MD (Honorary) | 2007 |
| Orlando J. Andy, MD | 1997 | Shelley N. Chou, MD | 2001 |
| Joao (John) Lobo Antunes, MD (Honorary) | 2016 | Lee A. Christoferson, Sr., MD | 2000 |
| Chisato Araki, MD (Honorary) | 1976 | Ivan S. Ciric, MD | 2021 |
| Román Arana-Iñiguez, MD (Honorary) | 1977 | William K. Clark, MD | 2007 |
| Edward W. Archibald, MD | 1945 | Donald F. Coburn, MD | 1988 |
| James G. Arnold, Jr., MD | 1994 | Claude C. Coleman, MD | 1953 |
| Alexander I. Arutyunov, MD (Honorary) | 1975 | William F. Collins, Jr., MD | 2009 |
| Alfonso Asenjo, MD (Honorary) | 1980 | William V. Cone, MD | 1959 |
| George M. Austin, MD | 2002 | Edward S. Connolly, Sr., MD | 2014 |
| Charles Bagley, Jr., MD | 1957 | William S. Coxe, MD | 2012 |
| Percival Bailey, MD | 1973 | Winchell M. Craig, MD | 1960 |
| Louis Bakay, MD | 1998 | Paul H. Crandall, MD | 2012 |
| Roy A. E. Bakay, MD | 2013 | Robert M. Crowell, MD | 2020 |
| George S. Baker, MD | 1993 | W. Gayle Crutchfield, MD | 1972 |
| Maitland Baldwin, MD | 1970 | Harvey W. Cushing, MD | 1939 |
| H. Thomas Ballantine, Jr., MD | 1996 | Walter E. Dandy, MD (Honorary) | 1946 |
| Robert C. Bassett, MD | 1975 | Leo M. Davidoff, MD | 1975 |
| Donald P. Becker, MD | 2020 | Courtland H. Davis, Jr., MD | 1982 |
| Claude Bertrand, MD | 2014 | Loyal Davis, MD | 1982 |
| Perry Black, MD | 2018 | Albert P. D'Errico, MD | 1984 |
| Byron M. Bloor, MD | 1994 | Richard L. DeSaussure, Jr., MD | 2008 |
| Edwin B. Boldrey, MD | 1988 | Jacquez C. de Villiers, MD (Honorary) | 2018 |
| Warren C. Boop, Jr., MD | 2021 | R. M. Peardon Donaghy, MD | 1991 |
| Edmund H. Botterell, MD | 1997 | Norman M. Dott, MD (Honorary) | 1973 |
| Robert S. Bourke, MD | 1996 | Charles E. Downman, Jr., MD | 1931 |
| Charles E. Brackett, MD | 2016 | Charles G. Drake, MD | 1998 |
| E. Jefferson Browder, MD | 1976 | Dean H. Echols, MD | 1991 |
| Howard A. Brown, MD | 1990 | George Ehni, MD | 1986 |
| Willis E. Brown, Jr., MD | 1993 | Charles A. Elsberg, MD | 1948 |
| Paul C. Bucy, MD | 1993 | Arthur R. Elvidge, MD | 1985 |
| Eduard A. V. Busch, MD (Honorary) | 1982 | Fred J. Epstein, MD | 2006 |
| Karl A. Bushe, MD (Honorary) | 1999 | Theodore C. Erickson, MD | 1986 |
| David W. Cahill, MD | 2003 | Joseph P. Evans, MD | 1985 |
| Sir Hugh W.B. Cairns, MD (Honorary) | 1952 | Charles A. Fager, MD | 2014 |
| Eldridge H. Campbell, Jr., MD | 1956 | Temple Fay, MD | 1963 |
| | | William H. Fiendel, MD | 2014 |

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| Edgar F. Fincher, Jr., MD | 1969 | Henry L. Heyl, MD | 1975 |
| David M. Frim, MD | 2003 | Norman C. Hill, MD | 2020 |
| Robert G. Fisher, Jr., MD | 2003 | Julian T. Hoff, MD | 2007 |
| Stevenson Flanigan, MD | 2007 | Harold J. Hoffman, MD | 2004 |
| Howard W. Fleming, MD | 1974 | Gilbert Horrax, MD | 1957 |
| Eldon L. Foltz, MD | 2013 | William E. Hunt, MD | 1999 |
| Charles H. Frazier, MD | 1936 | Franc D. Ingraham, MD | 1965 |
| John D. French, MD | 1989 | Fabian Isamat, MD (Honorary) | 2019 |
| Lyle A. French, MD | 2004 | Shozo Ishii, MD (Honorary) | 2012 |
| Piero Frugoni, MD (Honorary) | 1994 | John A. Jane, Sr., MD | 2015 |
| Leonard T. Furlow, MD | 1980 | Peter J. Jannetta, MD | 2016 |
| J. Garber Galbraith, MD | 1996 | Manucher J. Javid, MD | 2021 |
| W. James Gardner, MD | 1987 | Sir Geoffrey Jefferson, MD (Honorary) | 1961 |
| Henry D. Garretson, MD | 2007 | Byran Jennett, MD (Honorary) | 2008 |
| William J. German, MD | 1981 | Ottiwel W. Jones, Jr., MD | 1987 |
| Philip L. Gildenberg, MD, PhD | 2020 | Edgar A. Kahn, MD | 1985 |
| F. J. Gillingham, MD (Honorary) | 2010 | Allen B. Kanavel, MD | 1938 |
| Sidney Goldring, MD | 2004 | E. I. Kandel, MD (Honorary) | 1990 |
| Phillip D. Gordy, MD | 2014 | Harry A. Kaplan, MD | 1995 |
| Carl J. Graf, MD | 1987 | Samuel S. Kasoff, MD | 2009 |
| Lars G. Granholm, MD (Honorary) | 1988 | Jay J. Keegan, MD | 1978 |
| Francis C. Grant, MD | 1967 | Ludwig G. Kempe, MD | 2012 |
| George H. Gray, Jr., MD | 2016 | Frederick W. L. Kerr, MD | 1983 |
| John R. Green, MD | 1990 | Harry H. Kerr, MD | 1963 |
| Sanjeet S. Grewal, MD | 2026 | Robert B. King, MD | 2008 |
| Michael W. Groff, MD | 2025 | Katsutoshi Kitamura, MD (Honorary) | 2004 |
| Robert A. Groff, MD | 1975 | David G. Kline, MD | 2024 |
| Cordell E. Gross, MD | 2000 | Robert S. Knighton, MD | 2004 |
| Robert G. Grossman, MD | 2021 | Wolfgang T. Koos, MD (Honorary) | 2000 |
| Gerard Guiot, MD (Honorary) | 1998 | Paul L. Kornblith, MD | 2023 |
| E. Stephen Gurdjian, MD | 1985 | Herbert Kraus, MD (Honorary) | 1975 |
| Wallace B. Hamby, MD | 1999 | Hugo Krayenbuhl, MD (Honorary) | 1985 |
| John W. Hanbery, MD | 1996 | Kristian Kristiansen, MD (Honorary) | 1993 |
| Griffith R. Harsh, III, MD | 2019 | Theodore Kurze, MD | 2002 |
| Samuel C. Harvey, MD | 1953 | Thomas W. Langfitt, MD | 2005 |
| Hale A. Haven, MD | 1964 | Sanford J. Larson, MD | 2012 |
| C. Douglas Hawkes, MD | 1998 | James R. Learmonth, MD (Honorary) | 1967 |
| Gen. George J. Hayes, MD | 2002 | Lyal G. Leibrock, MD | 2005 |
| Mark P. Heilbrun, MD | 2010 | Lars Leksell, MD (Honorary) | 1986 |
| Jess D. Hermann, MD | 1994 | Richard A. Lende, MD | 1973 |
| George J. Heuer, MD | 1950 | Dean D. Lewis, MD | 1941 |

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| Richard U. Light, MD | 1994 | D. W. C. Northfield, MD (Honorary) | 1977 |
| Kenneth E. Livingston, MD | 1984 | G. Robert Nugent, MD | 2016 |
| Raeburn C. Llewellyn, MD | 2009 | Frank E. Nulsen, MD | 1994 |
| Valentine Logue, MD (Honorary) | 2000 | Sixto A. Obrador, MD (Honorary) | 1978 |
| Donlin M. Long, MD | 2023 | Guy L. Odom, MD | 2001 |
| H.C. Ruediger Lorenz, MD (Honorary) | 2008 | Robert G. Ojemann, MD | 2010 |
| J. Grafton Love, MD | 1987 | Eric Oldberg, MD | 1986 |
| Alfred J. Luessenhop, MD | 2009 | Edward H. Oldfield, MD | 2017 |
| Collin S. MacCarty, MD | 2003 | A. Herbert Olivecrona, MD (Honorary) | 1980 |
| Robert J. Maciunas, MD | 2011 | Jewel L. Osterholm, MD | 2017 |
| Ernest W. Mack, MD | 2000 | William O. Ott, MD | 1963 |
| M. Stephen Mahaley, Jr., MD | 1992 | Kenneth W. E. Paine, MD | 1994 |
| Leonard I. Malis, MD | 2005 | Pietro Paoletti, MD (Honorary) | 1991 |
| Vernon H. Mark, MD | 2014 | Tae Sung Park, MD | 2024 |
| John Martin, MD | 1996 | Dwight Parkinson, MD | 2005 |
| Donald D. Matson, MD | 1969 | Andrew T. Parsa, MD | 2015 |
| Robert E. Maxwell, MD, PhD | 2022 | Herbert Parsons, MD | 1995 |
| Frank H. Mayfield, MD | 1991 | Emil Pasztor, MD (Honorary) | 2015 |
| David J. McCullough, MD | 1992 | Bernard S. Patrick, MD | 2013 |
| Kenneth G. McKenzie, MD | 1964 | Harold D. Paxton, MD | 2015 |
| Robert L. McLaurin, MD | 2015 | Max M. Peet, MD | 1949 |
| William F. Meacham, MD | 1999 | Wilder Penfield, MD | 1976 |
| John N. Meagher, MD | 1993 | Joe Pennybacker, MD (Honorary) | 1983 |
| Arnold H. Menezes, MD | 2025 | Phanor L. Perot, Jr., MD | 2011 |
| H. Russell Meyers, MD | 1999 | Bernard C. Pertuiset, MD (Honorary) | 2000 |
| Carole A. Miller, MD | 2015 | Daniel Petit-Dutallis, MD (Honorary) | 1968 |
| J. Douglas Miller, MD | 1996 | Byron C. Pevehouse, MD | 2010 |
| Joseph H. Miller, MD | 2021 | William T. Peyton, MD | 1962 |
| Ross H. Miller, MD | 2014 | Hans W. Pia, MD (Honorary) | 1986 |
| W. Jason Mixer, MD | 1958 | Cobb Pilcher, MD | 1949 |
| Thomas P. Morley, MD | 2012 | Reinaldo A. Poblete, MD (Honorary) | 1993 |
| Lester A. Mount, MD | 1999 | J. Lawrence Pool, MD | 2004 |
| John (Sean) F. Mullan, MD | 2015 | James L. Poppen, MD | 1978 |
| Donald Munro, MD | 1973 | Robert W. Porter, MD | 2021 |
| Francis Murphey, MD | 1994 | Jose R. Portugal, MD (Honorary) | 1993 |
| Frederick Murtagh, Jr., MD | 1996 | Robert H. Pudenz, MD | 1998 |
| Paul W. Myers, MD | 2013 | Tracy J. Putnam, MD | 1975 |
| Howard C. Naffziger, MD | 1961 | John E. Raaf, MD | 2000 |
| Blaine S. Nashold, Jr., MD | 2014 | Anthony J. Raimondi, MD | 2000 |
| William Noordenbos, MD (Honorary) | 1992 | B. Ramamurthi, MD | 2003 |
| Gösta Norlén, MD (Honorary) | 1992 | Carl W. Rand, MD | 1972 |

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| Robert W. Rand, MD | 2013 | Arist A. Stender, MD (Honorary) | 1978 |
| Joseph L. Ransohoff, II, MD | 2001 | Walter E. Stern, Jr., MD | 2017 |
| Theodore B. Rasmussen, MD | 2002 | Byron P. Stookey, MD | 1966 |
| Bronson S. Ray, MD | 1993 | Oscar Sugar, MD | 2008 |
| David L. Reeves, MD | 1970 | Kenichiro Sugita, MD (Honorary) | 1994 |
| Owen H. Reichman, MD | 2018 | Thoralf M. Sundt, Jr., MD | 1992 |
| Albert L. Rhoton, Jr., MD | 2016 | Hendrick J. Svien, MD | 1972 |
| Nathan Rifkinson, MD | 2010 | William H. Sweet, MD | 2001 |
| Hugo V. Rizzoli, MD | 2014 | Lindsay E. Symon, MD (Honorary) | 2019 |
| Theodore S. Roberts, MD | 2007 | Kintomo Takakura, MD (Honorary) | 2019 |
| James T. Robertson, MD | 2019 | Alfred S. Taylor, MD | 1942 |
| Hubert L. Rosomoff, MD | 2008 | Frank R. Teachenor, MD | 1953 |
| Richard L. Rovit, MD | 2018 | L. Murray Thomas, MD | 2012 |
| Ernest Sachs, Sr., MD | 1958 | George T. Tindall, MD | 2025 |
| Ernest Sachs, Jr., MD | 2001 | Suzie C. Tindall, MD | 2016 |
| Keiji Sano, MD (Honorary) | 2011 | Edward B. Towne, MD | 1957 |
| Martin P. Sayers, MD | 2013 | Frank Turnbull, MD | 2000 |
| John E. Scarff, MD | 1978 | Alfred Uihlein, MD | 1990 |
| Edward B. Schlesinger, MD | 1997 | John C. Van Gilder, MD | 2007 |
| Henry H. Schmidek, MD | 2008 | William P. Van Wagenen, MD | 1961 |
| Richard C. Schneider, MD | 1986 | Manuel M. Velasco-Suarez, MD (Honorary) | 2001 |
| Luis Schut, MD | 2018 | Joan L. Venes, MD | 2010 |
| Henry G. Schwartz, MD | 1998 | Henk Verbiest, MD (Honorary) | 1997 |
| R. Michael Scott | 2023 | Clovis Vincent, MD (Honorary) | 1947 |
| William B. Scoville, MD | 1984 | Howard C. Voris, MD | 1980 |
| Edward R. Seljeskog, MD, PhD | 2022 | A. Earl Walker, MD | 1995 |
| Bertram Selverstone, MD | 1993 | Arthur A. Ward, Jr., MD | 1997 |
| R. Eustace Semmes, MD | 1982 | Clark Watts, MD | 2019 |
| Mark E. Shaffrey, MD | 2024 | W. Keasley Welch, MD | 1996 |
| C. Hunter Shelden, MD | 2003 | Walter W. Whisler, MD, PhD | 2020 |
| Henry A. Shenkin, MD | 2007 | Benjamin B. Whitcomb, MD | 1998 |
| John Shillito, Jr., MD | 2012 | James C. White, MD | 1981 |
| Kenneth Shulman, MD | 1981 | Robert J. White, MD | 2010 |
| Frederick A. Simeone, MD | 2022 | Harry Wilkins, MD | 1985 |
| Frank P. Smith, MD | 2003 | Robert H. Wilkins, MD | 2017 |
| Kenneth R. Smith Jr., MD | 2024 | Charles B. Wilson, MD | 2018 |
| Robert R. Smith, MD | 2003 | Barnes Woodhall, MD | 1984 |
| Samuel R. Snodgrass, MD | 1975 | Frank R. Wrenn, Jr., MD | 1990 |
| Bruce F. Sorensen, MD | 2017 | Shokei Yamada, MD | 2017 |
| R. Glen Spurling, MD | 1968 | Julian R. Youmans, MD | 2019 |
| Ladislau Steiner, MD (Honorary) | 2013 | | |

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Sanjeet S. Grewal, MD 1987 - 2026

Sanjeet Singh Grewal was born on March 26, 1987, in Ludhiana, India to parents Ranjit and Parminder Grewal. He passed away unexpectedly in Puerto Rico on February 7, 2026.

At the age of 2 ½, he moved to the US, growing up in Queens, New York and then in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He loved sailing on oil tankers and cargo ships with his dad, earning the nickname “tornado” from the other staff due to his tendencies to dart to the control room and flip every switch that he could reach. His talkative and energetic nature complimented his older brother Rocky’s calm and thoughtful demeanor.

Sunny, as he was known to his family, lived up to his nickname in his interactions with everyone. Anytime he walked into a room, he came out with a new friend. He was generous with his time, always there to grab dinner, drinks, or extended calls with friends. He had an uncanny ability to make others feel heard and understood.

Once Sanjeet was determined to do something, nothing could dissuade him off that course. He would convince his parents that he had to have a certain toy and it could just be an early birthday gift (when it was October), or this would be his Christmas present (when it was February), ensuring he received not only the sought after toy, but of course, another present when his birthday or Christmas actually arrived.

A passionate and devoted fan of his sports teams, Sanjeet loved watching Xavier Musketeers basketball, cheering them on through multiple March Madness games. Rocky’s alma mater, Miami, inspired Sanjeet’s devotion to the Miami Hurricanes – he was thrilled to watch them in the 2026 National Championship game with his brother and his dad. Once he moved to Jacksonville, he became a diehard Jaguars fan. He spent every Sunday he could at Jaguars games with his kids, teaching them to scream “Duuuuuval” as loud as they could.

From an early age, Sanjeet knew that he would follow in Rocky’s footsteps and become a surgeon. Due to his accomplishments in high school, he earned a spot in a highly competitive dual enrollment program at Xavier University and the University of Cincinnati, a combined undergraduate and medical pathway straight out of high school.

After earning his Bachelors in Biology at Xavier, he moved on to the College of Medicine at the University of Cincinnati, where he received his Doctor of Medicine and graduated Alpha Omega Alpha National Honors Society. He matched into Neurosurgery at his number one choice, Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida. He was the second ever resident in this new residency program, establishing a high standard for the residents who followed. He completed a fellowship in Surgical Epilepsy at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, and Stereotactic & Functional Neurosurgery at Mayo Clinic, Florida. After graduating residency in the middle of Covid, he went straight into practice as an attending at Mayo Clinic, Florida. Since he was not busy enough, in July of 2025, he started a Master’s program in Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare at the Mayo Graduate School.

Board certified in 2023, Dr. Grewal was a rising star in neurosurgery. He was the Director of Epilepsy and Movement Disorders at Mayo Clinic, Florida and the Associate Program Director of the Residency. Despite being only five years out from residency, he was on the fast track to be a full professor in 2026. He was a lead investigator in several national clinical trials for deep brain stimulation for stroke patients, stem cellular therapy to treat Parkinson’s disease, and using artificial intelligence to identify causes of seizures. He authored over 100 peer reviewed publications, 30 book chapters in neurosurgery, and directed several courses, teaching other neurosurgeons, residents and consultants alike. He was frequently invited to teach and lecture across the United States and abroad.

Teaching and mentorship mattered deeply to him, and he took pride in helping train future neurosurgeons while setting a high standard for patient care and professionalism. He truly embodied the Mayo Clinic creed: “the needs of the patient come first”.

More than any professional achievements, his greatest joy was his family. As an 18 year old at Xavier, he met and fell in love with Angela, starting a relationship that spanned almost 20 years at the time of his untimely death. Dating all throughout Xavier, plus their respective time at medical and law school, they married on March 22, 2014. They shared a

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Sanjeet S. Grewal, MD

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love for Skyline Chili, traveling the world (and the world at Epcot), nerding out, spending time with loved ones and, of course, their children. They constantly pushed each other to be the best versions of themselves – Sanjeet shared that much of his success was possible because he was lucky: he knew Angela was his rock behind him, and supported him in giving so much of himself to other people.

Sanjeet loved being a father. His three kids, Neal (9), Aria (6), and Ryan (4) were his whole world. Every night before they went to bed, they raced to be the first to give him a hug and kiss, saying, “Good night, dada. I love you, dada.” Sanjeet shared with his children his love of the water, whether it be swimming, boating, fishing, or relaxing in the hot tub. One of his greatest accomplishments was getting his children to love good seafood almost as much as he did. Even though he was extraordinarily busy in his career, he excitedly carved out one-on-one time for dad-ventures with them each year. His favorite medical conferences were the ones that doubled as family vacations.

Following in the legacy of his father, at a recent conference, Neal ordered a round of Shirley Temples for the friends he had just made. Aria inherited Sanjeet’s adventurous spirit, eager to try new things, especially food. Ryan shares Sanjeet’s curious nature about the world and how things worked; Sanjeet dismantled many a childhood toy to understand its inner workings.

Sanjeet lived fully and loved deeply, leaving his mark in quiet acts of loyalty as much as in extraordinary accomplishments. Though his time with us was far too short, the measure of his life is not found in its length, but in its depth. In the patients he healed, the students he mentored, the friends he gathered, and the family he cherished, his legacy endures.

Sanjeet was many things to many people – a son, brother, nephew, uncle, husband, father, and friend. So many considered him their best friend, and each one was right.

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Aarnold H. Menezes, MD 1944 - 2025

Dr. Arnold H. Menezes, a pioneering neurosurgeon, devoted husband, father, grandfather, and mentor, who passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family and the dedicated team at the University of Iowa Cardiac Intensive Care Unit. Arnold was the devoted husband of the late Dr. Meenal Menezes, and together they built a life of compassion, scholarship, and global exploration that touched thousands of lives across continents. He is survived by his children—Francis and Maithilee (David Molter), his beloved grandson Sanjiv, and extended family in India and the United States, all of whom carry forward his legacy of kindness, intellect, and integrity.

Born in Mumbai, India, Arnold came from a distinguished family of physicians and carried forward their legacy with extraordinary devotion. After earning his medical degree from Topiwala National Medical College, Bombay University, he moved to the United States and completed neurosurgical training at the University of Iowa, where he spent over five decades advancing pediatric and spinal neurosurgery. His pioneering work at the craniovertebral junction transformed global practice, and his treatment algorithms became international standards. Patients from around the world sought not only his expertise but also the calm, kindness, and clarity he brought to every consultation. Though he eventually stepped away from surgery, Arnold remained fully engaged in clinic work, teaching, and writing—mentoring young physicians and continuing to serve the medical community.

Yet for all his professional recognition, Arnold remained deeply rooted in family, culture, and community. Together with Meenal, he co-founded Kala Mandali, an organization that brought South Asian cultural arts and voices to Iowa. Their shared love of travel took them to over 60 countries across six continents, where they immersed themselves in local cultures, built lasting friendships, and gathered stories that enriched their lives and those around them. Their home radiated warmth, music, and laughter, a reflection of the joy they found in each other and the world. In later years, the comfort of close family, especially the steady presence of Francis, was a quiet source of strength.

Arnold's enduring humility, generosity, and unwavering presence left a lasting imprint on all who knew him. He was a man of deep intellect and gentle spirit, who gave freely of his time and wisdom. He remained a mentor and guide, always eager to support the next generation of physicians and to nurture the values of compassion and excellence in others. His legacy lives on in the lives he saved, the surgeons he trained, and the love he gave so freely. He will be remembered not only for his extraordinary contributions to medicine, but for the way he lived—with integrity, curiosity, and a heart full of devotion to those he loved.

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George T. Tindall, MD 1928 – 2025

George Taylor Tindall, 97, of Boulder, Colorado and Atlanta, Georgia, passed away peacefully on November 21, 2025, at his home in Boulder, in the presence of family.

He was born on March 13, 1928, in Magee, Mississippi, to parents, George Earl Tindall and Lyda Smith Tindall.

George graduated from the University of Mississippi in 1948. He received his MD from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD, graduating Alpha Omega Alpha in 1952.

After serving two years in the Air Force from 1953 to 1955, as a flight surgeon, Dr. Tindall entered the neurosurgical training program at Duke University as a resident from 1955 to 1961. Following completion of his training, he remained on the staff at Duke for the next seven years. While at Duke, he served as Chief of Neurosurgery at the Durham Veterans Administration Hospital from 1961 to 1968.

In 1968, Dr. Tindall was appointed Chief of Neurosurgery at the University of Texas Medical branch in Galveston, Texas, and in 1973, he was selected as Chief of the Division of Neurosurgery and Professor of Surgery at Emory University in Atlanta before retiring after 23 years.

George was active in the formation of the Sectional Council of Neurological Surgery of the American Medical Association and was a member of the Neurosurgical Society of America, the American College of Surgeons, and the American Board of Neurological Surgery.

Dr. Tindall served as President of the Society of University Neurosurgeons (1966), the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (1973-1974), the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (1988-1989), the Georgia Neurosurgical Society (1988-1989), the Southern Neurosurgical Society (1990), and the American Academy of Neurological Surgery (1992-1993).

He published over 200 papers in peer-reviewed journals on a variety of neurosurgical subjects, including his major research interests of pituitary tumors, cerebral vascular disease, and head trauma.

George co-authored several textbooks, including Clinical Management of Pituitary Disorder and Disorders of the Pituitary; co-edited a multi-volume textbook, The Practice of Neurosurgery.

He is survived by his sister, Jo Windham of California; four children, Catherine Tindall of Boulder, Colorado, George Tindall Jr. (Cindy Perry) of Tigard, Oregon, Suzanne Tindall of Mankato, Minnesota, and Annelle Tindall Stueart (Donald "Rocky" Stueart) of Vanderwagen, New Mexico. He is survived by his two stepdaughters, Katherine Moreau Barringer (Jordan Smelt) of Atlanta, GA, and Jennifer Barringer Burke of Charlotte, NC. He is survived by nine grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brother, James Earl Tindall; his first wife, Catherine Hopson Tindall; his second wife, Dr. Suzie Cunningham Tindall; and third wife, Elizabeth "Wendy" Wilson Barringer.

He maintained a greenhouse at his home in Atlanta, and when he retired from medicine in his late 60s, he pursued his lifelong love of horticulture and opened a commercial tree nursery - Mid-Georgia Nursery - that he ran for nearly 20 years. He enjoyed garden tours in England and other countries and bonded with many people worldwide about his love of plants and growing them. This passion included his longtime project of trying to create a new variety of camellia which he never gave up on. Loving the genetics of plants, he gifted camellias he grew from seed to friends and family and as a result, his horticulture legacy lives on with the unofficial "Camellia George Tindall" gracing many Southern gardens today.

George will always be remembered as a very social and charming person who loved conversation with everyone he met. He spent many years in rural Georgia on his farm with Wendy and their many dogs, immersed in his passion of planting trees and flowering shrubs. He remained curious until his very last days about life, politics, family, football and often engaged in stimulating debates about every topic possible. He cared for many people and made a difference in many lives. He promoted the greenness of our earth with the thousands of trees he planted.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND PAST MEETINGS

FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

PROVIDENCE, RH

Brown University

May 21-23, 2027

LOS ANGELES, CA

University of California, Los Angeles

May 19-21, 2028

ST. LOUIS, MO

Washington University in St. Louis

May 18-20, 2029

PAST MEETINGS

All past meetings of The Society of Neurological Surgeons can be found on the SNS website at:
societyns.org/meetings/past-meetings.



SNS PROFESSIONALISM POLICY

INTRODUCTION

The SNS has unique organizational qualities derived from serving as the representative society for residency program directors and academic department chairs of neurological surgery. This requires the highest standards for professional conduct appropriate to set an example in the education of future neurosurgeons and to avoid conflicts of interest amongst neurosurgical educators.

On July 26, 2018, the SNS proposed that the One Neurosurgery Summit create a Professionalism Task Force representing the Summit organizations. This task force developed the One Neurosurgery Summit Professionalism and Harassment Model Policy. The intention was that each organization would then utilize and adapt the model policy as required for the special characteristics of its own organization, membership, and By-Laws. The following policies utilize the same definitions included in the One Neurosurgery Summit Professionalism and Harassment Model Policy.

POLICY

1. Participants of any SNS or SNS sponsored event will not engage in any behavior that will undermine or interfere with the goals and purposes of the event including, but not limited to:
 - 1.1. The use of offensive or insensitive language or behavior;
 - 1.2. The use of denigrating comments based on race, national or ethnic origin, color, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender or disability; or
 - 1.3. Harassment, threatening behavior or similar intimidation, or assault of other participants.
2. The SNS endorses a Code of Conduct that requires equal and respectful treatment of others, non-harassment, and non-retaliation, as well as ethical and professional behavior in the conduct of patient care and other professional activities.
 - 2.1. All participants of any SNS event will sign an acknowledgment of willingness to adhere to the meeting policy regarding harassment.
 - 2.2. All SNS members and SNS event participants will be provided this Code of Conduct at the time of event registration and the Code of Conduct will be posted on the event site and in the appropriate location on the SNS website.
 - 2.3. The SNS will also review the submission of any finding by a relevant professional body of unethical or unprofessional behavior by an SNS member in the conduct of patient care or other professional activities. Such professional bodies include but are not limited to state medical boards and licensing agencies, the medical executive committee of the hospital at which the member practices, the American Board of Neurological Surgery, and/or the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) Professional Conduct Program.
3. The SNS will provide a specific mechanism for reporting conduct that violates the Code of Conduct that will be easily accessed by all members and event participants.
 - 3.1. Any urgent or emergent issues will be addressed by calling 911.
 - 3.2. Any immediately threatening issues will be addressed by calling 911 or other authorities (police).
 - 3.3. A mechanism for protecting the identify of any individual reporting conduct that violates the Code
 - 3.4. Investigation and adjudication will be through a special task force appointed by the President of the SNS to include the Secretary (who will serve as Chair), the President-Elect and 3 additional SNS members in good standing. If the alleged violation relates to diversity or gender, then the task force will make every effort to include representation from that community.
 - 3.5. Accused members will be given the opportunity to make a written or oral statement to the special task force before any task force recommendations are made.
 - 3.6. The Task Force will collect preliminary information from pertinent individuals in written form and then within 3 months make a preliminary recommendation to the Executive Council.
 - 3.7. Where appropriate, the SNS President may additionally or alternatively refer concerns for review by an appropriate external body, including but not limited to the AANS Professional Conduct Program.

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- 3.8. The SNS Task Force and/or a delegated review body will share findings and make recommendations for action to the SNS Executive Council (SNS Bylaws, Article II, Section B.6).
- 3.9. An accused member, who after full review and recommendation by the special task force is subject to action by the SNS Executive Council, may request the opportunity to submit a written appeal. The Council will review appeals and provide timely responses to accused members.
4. Code of Conduct violation reports should be directed through regular or electronic mail or by telephone to an SNS officer, or through submission of an online complaint form. The online complaint form will be present on the SNS website and a link to it will be included in Code of Conduct materials distributed at SNS events.
5. The SNS will develop or obtain educational material with review required for all Executive Committee members, committee chairs, course directors and holders of other leadership positions prior to assuming duties. Repeat training will be required every 5 years for individuals with ongoing SNS leadership roles.
6. Individuals reporting Code of Conduct Violations will be protected in the same manner as all reporters and whistleblowers:
 - 6.1. Individuals will be protected from retaliation for reporting in good faith behavior or information which the individual reasonably believes is a violation of this policy.
 - 6.2. To the extent appropriate, the host organizations will endeavor to keep complaints, investigations and any findings related thereto confidential.
7. The SNS will designate one member of the Annual Meeting Program Committee (or equivalent for other SNS events) to monitor the content of all presentations for compliance with the Code of Conduct. The Chair of the Committee on Resident Education the CoRE subcommittee chairs will serve the same role for SNS curricular materials under their purview.
 - 7.1. The relevant event planning committee will review possible Code of Conduct violations.
 - 7.2. The event planning committee will report to the violation to the SNS President and Secretary with a recommendation for an appropriate course of action to include:
 - 7.2.1. Letter of information;
 - 7.2.2. Letter of reprimand;
 - 7.2.3. Temporary removal from participation in SNS events in a leadership or teaching capacity;
 - 7.2.4. Or permanent removal from participation in SNS events in a leadership or teaching capacity
 - 7.3. Two thirds of the voting members of the SNS Executive Committee may approve final recommendations for action.
 - 7.4. This process will be completed within 6 months of each SNS event.
8. SNS event planning committees will evaluate all social components of educational events to assure their suitability, promote standards of professionalism, and reduce risk for violation of the Code of Conduct:
 - 8.1. Special attention will be given to social events involving alcohol where residents or junior neurosurgeons directly interact with senior neurosurgeons.
 - 8.2. Duration of events and the availability of alcohol should be assessed as reasonable for the purpose of the event.
 - 8.3. Alcohol will only be available with the concurrent provision of food.
 - 8.4. Event planning committees should include information about associated social components for approval by the SNS Executive Committee.
9. Guests at any SNS event (speakers, spouses, etc.) will be held to the Code of Conduct as SNS members and may be barred by the SNS Executive Committee from future guest participation.
10. This policy will be reviewed every 5 years after adoption.
11. Article 11
 - 11.1 Reports of individual incidents occurring at SNS sponsored events must be made within 30 days of the event. Other reports of professional conduct violations may be made at any time.

SNS PROFILE UPDATES



The Society of Neurological Surgeons is making every effort to provide its members with timely and useful communication, via email and our website. For this reason, it is particularly important for the Secretary's office to have all of your current and accurate contact and biographical information. For your convenience, please visit the SNS website at societyofneurologicalsurgeons.org to update your email address, mailing address, biography, current photograph, and other information.

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