

MANS 2026 SCIENTIFIC AGENDA

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

TIME	EVENT	ROOM
4:00pm-6:00pm	Registration: Get your name badge and tickets	Northern Lights
6:30pm-7:30pm	Welcome Reception: Wear your name badge	Northern Lights
7:30pm-8:15pm	Dinner: If you RSVP'd, your ticket is in your name badge	NW Territories
8:15pm-9:00pm Keynote Speaker	Bobby Mukkamala, MD: Physician Leadership in Medicine's Transformation	NW Territories

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

TIME	EVENT	
7:00am-8:15am	Breakfast with Exhibitors	James Bay Hall
7:00am-12:00pm	Registration: Get your name badge and tickets	Northern Lights
8:15am-9:00am Keynote Speaker	Mark Bilsky, MD: The Ever-Evolving Treatment Paradigms in The Management of Metastatic and Primary Spine Tumors: The Future Isn't What It Used to Be	NW Territories
Spine Surgical Care Update		
9:00am-9:15am	Michael Cloney, MD: Minimally Invasive Cervical Decompression: A Safe and Effective Alternative for High-Risk Patients	NW Territories
9:15am-9:30am	Noojan Kazemi, MD: Scaffolds and Nanoparticles: Promising Horizons in the Treatment of Spinal Cord Injury	NW Territories
9:30am-9:45am	Victor Chang, MD: MSSIC Update: Evidence, Outcomes, and Best Practices	NW Territories
9:45am-10:15am	Panel Discussion	NW Territories
10:15am-11:00am	Coffee Break with Exhibitors	James Bay Hall
Functional and Peripheral Nerve Update		
11:00am-11:15am	Kevin Chen, MD: Current State of Cellular Therapy for Neurological Disorders	NW Territories

11:15am-11:30am	Matthew Willsey, MD: Brain Computer Interface for Speech and Motor Recovery	NW Territories
11:30am-11:45am	Justine Pearl, MD: Neurosurgeon Versus Pain Management Surgeon, The New Normal	NW Territories
11:45am-12:00pm	Viola Hysa, MD: Traumatic Brain Injury, The Role of Physiatry on The Road Toward Recovery and Neurorehabilitation	NW Territories
12:00pm-12:30pm	Panel Discussion	NW Territories
12:30pm-1:45pm	Lunch with Exhibitors	James Bay Hall
1:45pm-4:00pm	Resident Abstract Presentations will start promptly at 1:45. MUST BE PRESENT TO VOTE	NW Territories

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

RESIDENT ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS

1:45pm-1:55pm	Anisse Chaker, MD: Effect of Preoperative Emergency Department Visits on Healthcare Utilization in Elective Lumbar Spine Surgery
1:55pm-2:05pm	Shivum Desai, DO: Degree of Intraoperative BI synchronization Blockade is Associated with Drop Attack Freedom After Corpus Callosotomy in Pediatric Patient
2:05pm-2:15pm	Victor Di Rita: Retrospective Risk Stratification as a Foundation for Passive Surveillance in Metastatic Spine Disease
2:15pm-2:25pm	Daniel Griep, DO: Polymethyl Methacrylate (PMMA) Cement as an Interbody Spacer in Primary Pyogenic Spondylodiscitis
2:25pm-2:35pm	Samir Harake, MD: Declining Margins in ACDF: How Prolonged Length of Stay and Case Complexity Impact Financial Performance
2:35pm-2:45pm	Michael Melhem, MD: Determining the Effect of Centralized Pain on Elective Spine Surgery Outcomes
2:45pm-2:55pm	Ishan Perera, DO: Dual-Stream Contrastive Asymmetry Network for Automated Detection of Facial Droop
2:55pm-3:05pm	Mohammad Rashad, MD: A Granular Operative Taxonomy for TLIF and Its Association with Early Outcomes
3:05pm-3:15pm	Drew Thibault, DO: Remission Rates in Repeat Endoscopic Transsphenoidal Surgery for Recurrent Growth Hormone–Secreting Pituitary Adenomas

3:15pm-3:25pm	Mark Zaki, MD: Assessing the Opportunity Cost of Neurosurgeons Performing Nerve and Muscle Biopsies: A Hospital Payment-Focused Financial Analysis
Saturday Evening Social (5-9pm) Lodge Deck & Pavilion (outside/onsite at the hotel)	Bring your spouse, guests, and family for an evening of fun, great food, and memorable entertainment! Enjoy delicious food and beverages while mingling with colleagues, challenge friends to lawn games, and take home a personalized keepsake from our caricature artist before experiencing Crystal Mountain's 1,600-foot Alpine Slide—ride the chairlift to the top and slide your way back down the mountain. The evening concludes with an interactive Dueling Pianos performance from 7:00–9:00 PM, promising music, laughter, and a great time for all ages.

CONCURRENT SESSION FOR ADVANCED PRACTITIONERS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 (1:45PM-3:30PM)

TIME	EVENT	
7am-12:30pm	Please join the general sessions presentations	NW Territories
12:30pm-1:45pm	Lunch with Exhibitors	James Bay Hall
1:45pm-2:00pm	Gregory Schwing, MD: When the Cord Is Compressed: Neuroradiology Essentials for Surgical Decision-Making in Degenerative Spine Disease	Arctic Bay
2:00pm-2:15pm	Ericka Brunson-Gillespie, RN: Your Voice Matters: Practical Ways Nurses and Nurse Practitioners Can Influence Healthcare Policy	Arctic Bay
2:15pm-2:30pm	Monther Hawa, NP: Manage the Drain, output, EVDs – Holistic Approach to EVD	Arctic Bay
2:30pm-2:45pm	Matias Cosimano, MD: Multimodal Pain Management in Postoperative Spine Surgery	Arctic Bay
2:45pm-3:00pm	Care Lint, NP: “Why Did This Happen?” Exploring the Etiologies of Ischemic Stroke	Arctic Bay
3:00pm-3:15pm	Ryan Urbonas, DO: Physician (Provider) Burnout	Arctic Bay
3:15pm-3:30pm	Alexis Carroll, PA-C: APP staffing and workflow for a comprehensive stroke center	Arctic Bay

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

TIME	EVENT	
7:00am-7:45am	Breakfast with Exhibitors	James Bay Hall
7:45am-8:30am Keynote Speaker	Jason Schwalb, MD: Update on Neurosurgical Advocacy	NW Territories
Brain Tumor Management and Pediatrics Update		
8:30am-8:45am	Mick Perez-Cruet, MD: CSNS Update and Physician Advocacy MANS CSNS Delegate	NW Territories
8:45am-9:00am	Michael Cools, MD: Contralateral C7 Nerve Root Transfer in Brachial Plexus Birth Injury	NW Territories
9:00am-9:15am	Angela Richardson, MD: Skull Base Tumors and Management	NW Territories
9:15am-9:30am	Michael Karsy, MD, PhD: Role of Multi-Center Collaboration in Advancing Skull Base and Neuro-Oncology	NW Territories
9:30am-10:00am	Panel Discussion	NW Territories
10:00am-10:45am	Coffee Break with Exhibitors	James Bay Hall
Cerebrovascular and Stroke Update		
10:45am-11:00am	Gary Rajah, MD: Neurovascular, Update and Hybrid Cases	NW Territories
11:00am-11:15am	Brent Flusty, DO: Latest Advancements in Neurointerventional Surgery	NW Territories
11:15am-11:30am	Partha Chamiraju, MD: Spontaneous Intracranial Hemorrhage and Treatment Options	NW Territories
11:30am-11:45am	Aditya Pandey, MD: MISTIC Update: To Improve Stroke Care, Conduct Research and Train Future Clinicians	NW Territories
11:45am-12:15pm	Panel Discussion	NW Territories
12:15pm-1:00pm	Closing Remarks from MANS President and Resident Abstract Winners Announced	NW Territories
1:00pm	Meeting Adjourns: Travel Safe Everyone	