

2026 WSANS

ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

5:00 PM	REGISTRATION OPENS
6:00 – 7:15 PM	WELCOME RECEPTION, EXHIBIT FAIR, AND DINNER BUFFET
7:15 – 7:25 PM	WELCOME BY WSANS PRESIDENT Stephen Monteith, MD, Neurosurgeon, Swedish Cerebrovascular Center
7:30 – 9:00 PM	KEYNOTE: “Awake at the Wound” & “Optimizing Performance In and Out of the OR,” David Hanscom, MD, Orthopedic Spine Surgeon, Seattle David Elaimy, Performance Surgical Coach, University of Washington

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

7:00 – 8:30 AM	BREAKFAST BUFFET AND EXHIBIT FAIR
7:30 – 7:50 AM	“Prenatal Myelomeningocele Repair: Update on the State of the Field and Future Directions,” Matt Recker, MD, Pediatric Neurosurgeon, Seattle Children’s Hospital
7:55 – 8:15 AM	“Lasers and Neurosurgery: An Update on LITT for Neurosurgical Pathologies,” Miri Kim, MD, PhD Neuro-oncologist/Neurosurgeon, Providence Swedish Cancer Institute
8:20 – 8:40 AM	“Updates in Neuro-Oncology,” Alipi Bonm, MD, PhD, Neurologist/Neuro-oncologist, Swedish, Edmonds
8:45 – 9:05 AM	“Spinal Column Shortening for Adult Tethered Cord Syndrome,” Anubhav Amin, MD, Neurosurgeon, UW Medicine
9:10 – 9:40 AM	BREAK
9:40 – 10:00 AM	“Brain Rinse Cycle,” David Newell, MD, Neurosurgeon, Seattle Neuroscience Institute
10:05 – 10:25 AM	“Real World Outcomes from GRASP, the Vivistim Post-Market Registry,” Christopher Kellner, MD, Neurosurgeon, Cerebrovascular Center, Mount Sinai

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10:30 – 11:30 AM	“Chemogenetic Control of Central Nervous System Pericytes,” Julian Clarke, MD, Neurosurgery Resident, UW Medicine “Genomic Analysis of Mosaic Variants and Epigenetic Features in Drug-Resistant Focal Epilepsy Using Tissue From Stereo- EEG Electrodes,” Adriel Barios-Anderson, MD, Neurosurgery Resident, UW Medicine “Adverse Events Within 24 hours After 1070 Adult Brain Tumor Surgeries Recovered in a Neurocritical Care Unit or a Postanesthesia Care Unit,” Abdulrahman Almansouri, MD, Skull Base Fellow, UW Medicine “Stand Alone LVIS Stenting for PICA Aneurysms,” James Brazdzionis, DO, Cerebrovascular Fellow, Swedish
11:35 – 11:55 AM	“Negating Brain Surgery’s Number One Complication,” Ray King, MD, MBA, Phasor Health
11:45 – 12:30 PM	LUNCH
12:30 – 5:30 PM	TIME ON YOUR OWN (GOLF, WINE TASTING, HIKING, SWIMMING, RELAXING)
5:30 – 6:30 PM	NETWORKING RECEPTION & INNOVATION SHOWCASE
6:30 – 8:00 PM	DINNER BUFFET
6:45 – 7:15 PM	WORKSHOP: “Exploring New Techniques for Bone Removal,” Jon Hougham, Globus
7:15 – 8:15 PM	“Why Brilliant People Hate Conflict - A Practical Discussion on How to Navigate the World of Conflict Resolution at the Worksite,” Karl Pister, Founder and President of The Coaching Group
8:15 – 9:15 PM	DISCUSSION, DEBATE: “ROBOTICS VS’ OLD SCHOOL?” Moderator: Katie Krause, MD, PhD, WSANS Secretary, Neurosurgeon, Virginia Mason Franciscan Health Panelists: JC Leveque, MD, Neurosurgeon, Spine Surgeon, Virginia Mason Franciscan Health Andrew Manista, MD, Orthopedic Surgeon, Olympic Orthopedic Associates

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

8:00 – 10:00 AM	BREAKFAST BUFFET, WSANS BUSINESS MEETING
11:00 AM	SUNCADIA CHECK-OUT TIME