

CANADIAN NEUROMODULATION SOCIETY  
Société Canadienne de Neuromodulation



# Annual Meeting of the Canadian Neuromodulation Society

Invited Society: Swiss Neuromodulation  
Society

Calgary, Alberta  
September 17th-19th, 2026



## Thursday, September 17, 2026

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**0700 – 0800 Registration and Breakfast**

**0800 – 0815 Inauguration and Welcome, Anuj Bhatia (President, CNS)**

**0815 – 1000 Deep Brain Stimulation (Moderator: Alfonso Fasano)**

*0815 – 0835 Optimizing DBS: neurophysiological biomarkers for motor and non-motor symptoms (Gerd Tinkhauser, Bern, Switzerland)*

*0835 – 0855 Virtual Programming, imaging-based programming, adaptive stimulation: is the juice worth the squeeze? (Camila Aquino, Calgary, AB, Canada)*

*0855 – 0915 Establishing a DBS program in Canada: Challenges and Opportunities (Alex Medina, Moncton, NB, Canada)*

*0915 – 0935 Panel discussion or a pro-con debate*

*0935 – 0940 Selected poster presentation*

*0940 – 1000 Questions and Discussion*

**1000 – 1030 Coffee Break**

**1030 – 1100 Tasker Lecture:**

**1100 – 1200 Best abstracts I: 6 Oral Presentation**

**1200 – 1300 Lunch**

**1300 – 1615 Break**

1300 – 1630 Non-Accredited Sessions\*

\*The above symposia is not an accredited component of the Combined Annual Meeting of the Canadian Neuromodulation Society and the German Neuromodulation Society.

**1630 – 1800 Drinks Reception**



## Friday, September 18, 2026

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### **0730 – 0815 Breakfast**

### **0815 – 1000 Spinal Cord Stimulation (Moderator: Keith MacDougall)**

0815 – 0835 *SCS for gait deficits in Parkinson's disease (Eduardo Martin Moraud, Lausanne, Switzerland)*

0835 – 0855 *SCS for SCI-related motor and autonomic deficits (Aaron Philipps, Calgary, AB, Canada)*

*Debate: Awake vs. asleep for SCS implantation*

0855 – 0915 *SCS implants under sedation or awake (Michael Staudt, Cleveland, OH)*

0915 – 0935 *SCS implantation under general anesthesia with neuromonitoring (Steven Falowski, Lancaster, PA, USA)*

0935 – 0940 *Selected poster presentation*

0940 – 1000 *Questions and Discussion*

### **1005 – 1030 Coffee Break and Poster Session**

**1030 – 1100 Kumar Lecture: Intrathecal drug delivery for non-cancer Pain (Salim Hayek, Cleveland, OH, USA)**

### **1100 – 1220 Neuromodulation for epilepsy (Moderator: Lutz Weise)**

1100 – 1120 *Neuromodulation for drug resistant epilepsy in pediatric population (George Ibrahim, Toronto, ON, Canada)*

1120 – 1140 *Network-guided neuromodulation for drug resistant epilepsy in adult population – (Brian Lundstrom, Rochester, MN, USA)*

1140 – 1200 *Pro-con debate – VNS vs DBS vs RNS for epilepsy (George Ibrahim and Brian Lundstrom)*

1200 – 1205 *Selected poster presentation*

1205 – 1225 *Questions and Discussion*

### **1225 – 1320 Lunch**

### **1320 – 1500 Intrathecal Drug Delivery (Moderator: Vishal Varshney)**

1320 – 1340 *IDD for Cancer Pain (Ehtesham Baig, Toronto, ON, Canada)*

1340 – 1400 *PACC guidelines (PACC) (Christophe Perruchoud, Meyrin, Switzerland)*

1400 – 1420 *Ventral IDD catheter position: getting ahead of ourselves? – (Shane Brogan, Salt Lake City, UT, USA)*

1420 – 1440 *Pro-con debate – pre-intrathecal implant trialling (Perruchoud) versus non trialling (Hayek)*

1440 – 1445 *Selected poster presentation*

1440 – 1500 *Questions and Discussion*

### **1500 – 1530 Coffee Break and Poster Session**

**1530 – 1715 Sacral and peripheral nerve stimulation (Moderator: Dean Elterman)**

1530 – 1550 *Where does neuromodulation fit in the treatment algorithm for pelvic pain?*

1550 – 1610 *Pudendal nerve stim for pelvic pain (TBD, Michigan, USA)*

1610 – 1630 *Sacral nerve stimulation (Nuno Grilo, Lausanne, Switzerland)*

1630 – 1650 *Pro-con debate – Tibial nerve stim vs SNS for overactive bladder (Nuno Grilo vs. TBD)*

1650 – 1655 *Selected poster presentation*

1655 – 1715 *Questions and Discussion*

**1800 – 2030 President's Dinner for Invited Faculty**



## Saturday, September 19, 2026

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- 0730 – 0815 Breakfast**
- 0815 – 1000 Hot Topics in Neu (Moderator: Christian Ioro-Morin)**
- 0835 – 0855 *What's new in DBS in 2026 (Stefan Lang, Vancouver, BC, Canada)*
- 0855 – 0915 *What's new in SCS in 2026 – pain and movement disorders (TBD)*
- 0915 – 0935 *Pro-con debate – SCS for axial back pain – next big thing? Pro (TBD); Con: Harsha Shanthanna (Hamilton, Ontario, Canada)*
- 0935 – 0940 *Selected poster presentation*
- 0940 – 1000 *Questions and Discussion*
- 1000 – 1030 Coffee Break and Poster Session**
- 0815 – 0835 **CNS Lecture: (TBD)**
- 1030 – 1200 Allied Health Session (Moderator: Victoria Bains)**
- 1030 – 1050 *CNS Supported Poster Session*
- 1050 – 1110 *Nursing in Neuromodulation (Victoria Bains, Toronto, ON)*
- 1110 – 1130 *Pro-con debate- Mental health screening before SCS should be mandatory – pro (Bruce Dick, Edmonton, AB, Canada) - con (Dr. Mike Butterfield, Vancouver, BC, Canada)*
- 1130 – 1135 *Selected poster presentation*
- 1135 – 1200 *Questions and Discussion*
- 1200 – 1330 Lunch**
- 1230 – 1300 CNS AGM**
- 1330 – 1450 Challenges and opportunities for Neuromodulation across Canada (Moderator: Antonios El Helou)**
- 1330 – 1350 *DBS access across Canada, (Melissa Lannon, Hamilton, ON, Canada)*
- 1350 – 1410 *Multicenter trials in neuromodulation (Anuj Bhatia, Toronto, ON, Canada)*
- 1410 – 1430 *Unique challenges in the Canadian and Switzerland landscapes, (Tejas Sankar, Edmonton, AB, Canada and Matthieu Cachemaille, Meyrin, Switzerland)*
- 1430 – 1445 *Questions and Discussion*
- 1445 – 1515 Coffee Break and Poster Session**
- 1515 – 1630 Best Abstracts II: 6 Oral Presentations**
- 1630 – 1640 CNS Early Career Investigator Presentation**
- 1640 – 1700 Awards for Best Posters and Oral Presentations**
- 1800 Gala Dinner**