

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

0700 – 0800 Registration and Breakfast

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

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

0815 – 0845 Virtual Programming, imaging-based programming, adaptive stimulation: is the juice worth the squeeze? (Camila Aquino, Calgary, AB, Canada)

0845 – 0915 Establishing a DBS program in Canada: Challenges and Opportunities (Alex Medina, Moncton, NB, Canada)

0915 – 0930 Panel discussion and questions

0930 – 0935 Selected poster presentation

0935 – 1000 Coffee Break

1000 – 1030 Tasker Lecture: Neuromodulation for craniofacial pain (Mojgan Hodaie, Toronto, Canada)

1030 – 1040 CNS Early Career Investigator Presentation

1040 – 1140 Best abstracts I: 6 Oral Presentation

1140 – 1240 Lunch

1240 – 1610 Break

1240 – 1610 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.*

1610 – 1710 Drinks Reception



Friday, September 18, 2026

0730 – 0800 Breakfast

0800 – 0930 Spinal Cord Stimulation (Moderator: Keith MacDougall)

0800 – 0820 *SCS for gait deficits in Parkinson's disease (Eduardo Martin Moraud, Lausanne, Switzerland)*

0820 – 0840 *SCS for SCI-related motor and autonomic deficits (Aaron Philipps, Calgary, AB, Canada)*

0840-0910 *Debate: SCS implants under sedation or awake (Michael Staudt, Cleveland, OH) / SCS implantation under general anesthesia with neuromonitoring (Steven Falowski, Lancaster, PA, USA)*

0910 – 0915 *Selected poster presentation*

0915 – 0930 *Questions and Discussion*

0930 – 1000 Coffee Break and Poster Session

1000 – 1030 CNS Lecture: *Challenges, achievements, and future directions for the INS registry (Philippe Rigoard, France)*

1030 – 1200 Neuromodulation for epilepsy (Moderator: Lutz Weise)

1030 – 1050 *Neuromodulation for drug resistant epilepsy in pediatric population (George Ibrahim, Toronto, ON, Canada)*

1050 – 1110 *Network-guided neuromodulation for drug resistant epilepsy in adult population – (Brian Lundstrom, Rochester, MN, USA)*

1110 – 1140 *Pro-con debate – VNS vs DBS for epilepsy (George Ibrahim and Brian Lundstrom)*

1140 – 1145 *Selected poster presentation*

1145 – 1200 *Questions and Discussion*

1200 – 1245 Lunch

1245-1305 Kumar Lecture: *Intrathecal drug delivery for non-cancer pain (Salim Hayek, Cleveland, OH, USA)*

1305 – 1445 Intrathecal Drug Delivery (Moderator: Vishal Varshney)

1305 – 1325 *IDD for Cancer Pain (Ehtesham Baig, Toronto, ON, Canada)*

1325 – 1345 *PACC guidelines (PACC) (Christophe Perruchoud, Meyrin, Switzerland)*

1345 – 1405 *Ventral IDD catheter position: getting ahead of ourselves? – (Shane Brogan, Salt Lake City, UT, USA)*

1405 – 1435 *Pro-con debate – pre-intrathecal implant trialling (Perruchoud) versus non trialling (Hayek)*

1435 – 1445 *Questions and Discussion*

1445 – 1500 Coffee Break and Poster Session



Friday, September 18, 2026

- 1500 – 1600 Sacral and peripheral nerve stimulation (Moderator: Dean Elterman)**
- 1500 – 1515 Where does neuromodulation fit in the treatment algorithm for pelvic pain? (Dean Elterman, Toronto, Canada)*
- 1515 – 1530 Sacral and Tibial nerve stim for fecal incontinence (Anna Spivak, Cleveland, USA)*
- 1530 – 1550 Pro-con debate – Tibial nerve stimulation (Alvaro Lucioni, Seattle, USA) vs SNS (Spivak) for overactive bladder*
- 1550 – 1600 Questions and Discussion*
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- 1800 – 2030 President's Dinner for Invited Faculty**



Saturday, September 19, 2026

0730 – 0815 Breakfast

0815 – 1000 Challenges and opportunities for Neuromodulation across Canada (Moderator: Antonios El Helou)

0835 – 0905 Unique challenges in the Canadian and Switzerland landscapes (Tejas Sankar, Edmonton, AB, Canada and Matthieu Cachemaille, Meyrin, Switzerland – 15 minutes each)

0905 – 0925 Multicenter trials in neuromodulation (Anuj Bhatia, Toronto, ON, Canada)

0925 – 0945 DBS access across Canada (Melissa Lannon, Hamilton, ON, Canada)

0945 – 1000 Questions and Discussion

1000- 1020 Lifetime Achievement Award Presentation

1020 – 1040 Coffee Break and Poster Session

1040 – 1200 Allied Health Session (Moderator: Victoria Bains)

1040 – 1100 CNS Supported Poster Session

1100 – 1120 Nursing in Neuromodulation (Victoria Bains, Toronto, ON)

1120 – 1150 Pro-con debate- Mental health screening before SCS should be mandatory – pro (Bruce Dick, Edmonton, AB, Canada) - con (Dr. Mike Butterfield, Vancouver, BC, Canada)

1150 – 1200 Questions and Discussion

1200 – 1330 Lunch

1230 – 1300 CNS AGM

1330 – 1450 Hot Topics in Neuromodulation (Moderator: Christian Ioro-Morin)

1330 – 1350 What's new in DBS in 2026 (Stefan Lang, Vancouver, Canada)

1350 – 1410 What's new in SCS in 2026 – pain and movement disorders (Marie-Pierre Fournier Gosselin, Quebec City, Canada)

1410 – 1440 Pro-con debate – SCS for axial back pain – next big thing? Pro – Michael Staudt (Cleveland, Ohio, US); Con: Vishal Varshney (Vancouver, BC, Canada)

1440 – 1445 Questions and Discussion

1445 – 1515 Coffee Break and Poster Session

1515 – 1615 Best Abstracts II: 6 Oral Presentations

1615 – 1630 Awards for Best Posters and Oral Presentations

1800 Gala Dinner: Included in Attendee registration and will be held at the Commons at ATCO Park.