TANS 2026

HOUSTON FOUR SEASONS

January 30 - February 1

TANS 2026 Annual Conference

Schedule Overview

Thursday, January 29

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	**Past Presidents Dinner**

Friday, January 30

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	**Breakfast**
8:00 a.m. – 4:40 p.m.	**General Session**
4:40 p.m. – 5:10 p.m.	**Industry Showcase**
5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	**Raise a Glass: TANS Wine Tasting Reception**

Saturday, January 31

7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.	**Breakfast**
7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	**General Session**
12:45 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.	**Industry Showcase**
2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	**Documentation & Coding Course**
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	**The Art of Bourbon: A Tasting Reception**

Sunday, February 1

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	**Breakfast**
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	**General Session**

TANS
Texas Association of Neurological Surgeons

TANS: The Hub for Neurosurgery in Texas

Vision

Advancing Neurosurgery Care for Texans

Mission

The purpose of the Texas Association of Neurological Surgeons is to:

- Promote and advance neurological surgery within the state of Texas.
- Promote the advancement of and the pursuit of excellence in neurological surgery and related sciences through continuing education.
- Uphold the principles, policies and practices for the attainment of the best in neurosurgical patient care.
- To provide a communication interface with other groups and represent neurosurgical opinion to preserve and achieve the principles and purposes of the Association.

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Welcome to:

SAVE THE DATE!

Everything's bigger in Texas.

Registration is now officially open for the 2026 AANS Annual Scientific Meeting May 1-4 in San Antonio, Texas.

To recognize and engage our local community, a 5% registration discount will automatically be applied to qualifying attendees who have a primary mailing address in Texas listed in their membership record at the time of registration.

This year's meeting will redefine the neurosurgical frontier. From Friday Practical Clinics to high-impact sessions on Can't Miss Monday, this year's program is packed with innovation, collaboration and transformation.

President's Welcome

On behalf of the Texas Association of Neurological Surgeons, welcome to Houston and to our Annual Meeting. We are pleased to have you join us for several days of outstanding scientific programming featuring world-class speakers addressing many of the most important topics in neurosurgery today. This meeting also provides a valued opportunity to reconnect with friends and colleagues from across the state – many of whom we do not have the chance to see regularly.

The TANS Annual Meeting has long been recognized for the quality of its academic lectures and scientific presentations. In recent years, however, we have placed increased emphasis on providing timely and relevant information regarding policy issues that directly affect the practice of neurosurgery in Texas. Keeping our members informed about TANS advocacy efforts is essential, as these efforts are undertaken on behalf of both neurosurgeons and the patients we serve. Whether addressing prior authorization challenges, scope-of-practice concerns, or advocating for necessary reforms to the No Surprises Act, it is critical that our perspectives are clearly communicated to policymakers. Without active engagement, decisions impacting our profession risk being made without physician input, leaving hospitals and insurance companies as the primary voices in the process.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our TANS Vice President, Dr. Akash Patel, and our Executive Director, Bobby Hillert, for their leadership and dedication in organizing this year's meeting. I would also like to thank our industry partners and sponsors, whose generous support has made this meeting possible.

Once again, welcome to Houston. I hope you find the program informative, engaging, and rewarding, and I wish you a productive and enjoyable meeting.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Leonard, MD
TANS President
2025-26

Vice President's Welcome

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to Houston and to the 2026 Annual Meeting of the Texas Association of Neurological Surgeons. It is a privilege to host this year's meeting in a city that I am proud to call home and where I have had the opportunity to live, train, work, and care for patients alongside so many outstanding colleagues for the past 25 years.

In developing this year's program, we were intentional in creating a meeting that reflects both the **diversity and unity of neurosurgery across Texas**. Faculty were selected from institutions throughout the state, ensuring broad representation of perspectives, practice environments, and expertise. Our goal was to create a program that is practical, relevant, and applicable to the majority of neurosurgeons, while also highlighting innovation and the evolving future of our field.

The meeting offers comprehensive educational content spanning functional neurosurgery, tumor, spine, trauma, pediatrics, vascular neurosurgery, advocacy, ethics and practice management. Dedicated sessions for trainees and advanced practice providers reflect TANS's commitment to education and professional development at every career stage.

Equally important, this meeting provides an opportunity to reconnect as a statewide community. Networking events, industry engagement, and focused discussions on policy and advocacy are integral to the program and reflect the real-world environment in which we practice.

I am sincerely grateful to the faculty, moderators, residents, advanced practice providers, industry partners, and sponsors whose time and commitment have made this meeting possible. Their contributions ensure that TANS continues to serve as a vital forum for education, collaboration, and leadership in Texas neurosurgery.

Thank you for joining us in Houston. I hope you find the program engaging, relevant, and rewarding, and that you leave with new insights and renewed enthusiasm for our profession.

Sincerely,

Akash J. Patel, MD
TANS Vice President
2025-26

Friday, January 30, 2026 | General Session

Salon B

Time	Event	Speaker
7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast	*Exhibit Hall*
7:50 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Welcome	*Michael A. Leonard, MD, & Akash J. Patel, MD*
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	**Functional/Epilepsy**	
	8:00 a.m. – 8:22 a.m. | Future of DBS: Electrophysiology vs. Image-Guided Programming	*Himanshu Sharma, MD (Moderator) | Amir H. Faraji, MD, PhD; Alexander M. Papanastassiou, MD; & Garrett P. Banks, MD*
	8:22 a.m. – 8:36 a.m. | Update in DBS for Movement Disorders	*Ashwin Viswanathan, MD*
	8:36 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. | Biohybrid Neural Interfaces	*Damiano G. Barone, MD, PhD*
	8:50 a.m. – 9:04 a.m. | Updates in DBS and RNS for Epilepsy	*Patrick J. Karas, MD*
	9:04 a.m. – 9:18 a.m. | Updates in LITT for Epilepsy	*Bradley C. Lega, MD*
	9:18 a.m. – 9:32 a.m. | Management of Facial Pain	*Nicholas J. Barbaro, MD*
	9:32 a.m. – 9:54 a.m. | Lessons Learned From Prior DBS for Depression Trials and Future Directions	*Nisha Giridharan, MD (Moderator) | Nader Pouratian, MD, PhD; Frederick L. Hitti, MD, PhD; & Sameer A. Sheth, MD, PhD*
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Exhibit Break	*Exhibit Hall*
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Hassenbusch Lecture | Temporal Lobe Epilepsy Surgery: Past, Present, and Future	*Jon T. Willie, MD, PhD*
11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	**Tumor**	
	11:00 a.m. – 11:24 a.m. | Management of Brain Metastases	*Ankur R. Patel, MD (Moderator) | Yoshua Esquenazi Levy, MD; Chibawanye I. Ene MD, PhD; & John R. Floyd II, MD*
	11:24 a.m. – 11:36 a.m. | Brain Mapping	*Sherise D. Ferguson, MD*
	11:36 a.m. – 11:48 a.m. | LITT for Brain Tumor	*Sujit S. Prabhu MD*
11:50 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Networking Lunch	*Michael A. Leonard, MD*
	12:30 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. | TANS Business Meeting	
12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	AI in Neurosurgery	*Gerald A. Grant, MD*
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Resident/Fellow Course: Neurosurgery & Reimbursement – What You Need to Know	*Teri Romano | Highland Room (2nd Floor)*
1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	**Tumor**	
	1:15 p.m. – 1:27 p.m. | Surgical Approaches to Circumventing the Blood-Brain Barrier	*Toral R. Patel, MD*
	1:27 p.m. – 1:39 p.m. | Connectomics	*Nitin Tandon, MD*
	1:39 p.m. – 1:51 p.m. | CAR T Cells	*Ganesh Rao, MD*
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Exhibit Break	*Exhibit Hall*
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	**Tumor**	
	2:30 p.m. – 2:42 p.m. | Meningiomas	*Akash J. Patel, MD*
	2:42 p.m. – 2:54 p.m. | Novel Biological Therapeutics for High Grade Gliomas	*Frederick F. Lang, MD*
	2:54 p.m. – 3:18 p.m. | Management of Pituitary Tumors	*Ali Jalali, MD (Moderator) | David S. Baskin, MD; Spiros L. Blackburn, MD; & Ian E. McCutcheon, MD*
3:30 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.	Resident Lectures (see page 7)	
4:40 p.m. – 5:10 p.m.	**Industry Showcase** Experience innovation at the TANS Industry Showcase as three companies highlight their newest technologies. Enjoy a curated selection of wine while networking during the Industry Showcase.	*Fairfield Room | No CME Offered*
5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	Raise a Glass: A TANS Wine Tasting Reception	*All Attendees, Sponsors & Guests Invited* *Exhibit Hall*

Saturday, January 31, 2026 | General Session

Salon B

Time	Event	Speaker
7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.	Breakfast	*Exhibit Hall*
7:20 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.	Welcome	*Michael A. Leonard, MD, & Akash J. Patel, MD*
7:30 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.	**Spine + Trauma**	
	7:30 a.m. – 7:44 a.m. | Robotics in Spine	*Arnold B. Vardiman, MD*
	7:44 a.m. – 7:58 a.m. | Spinal Alignment Beyond Lumbar Lordosis	*Paul J. Holman, MD*
	7:58 a.m. – 8:22 a.m. | Fuse or Not to Fuse Panel	*Marc A. Prablek, MD (Moderator) | Cyrus B. King, MD; & Jared S. Fridley, MD*
	8:22 a.m. – 8:36 a.m. | Spinoplastics	*Alexander E. Ropper, MD*
8:40 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.	NOTECHS: Intersection of Aviation and Neurosurgery	*Gerald A. Grant, MD*
9:10 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Exhibit Break	*Exhibit Hall*
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	**Spine + Trauma**	
	9:30 a.m. – 9:44 a.m. | Management of Complex Spine Tumors	*Robert Y. North, MD*
	9:44 a.m. – 9:58 a.m. | Endoscopic Spine to Redefine Thoracic Surgery	*Meng Huang, MD*
	9:58 a.m. – 10:22 a.m. | Arthroplasty vs. ACDF vs. Foraminotomy With Microdiscectomy	*Michael J. McGinity, MD (Moderator) | Jared S. Fridley, MD; Rishi R. Lall, MD; & Pegah Ghamasaee, MD*
	10:22 a.m. – 10:36 a.m. | Spine Trauma	*Justin C. Lee, MD, PhD*
	10:36 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. | Update on Management of Head Trauma	*Ryan S. Kitagawa, MD*
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	**Pediatrics**	
	11:00 a.m. – 11:24 a.m. | Management of Epilepsy	*Jeffrey M. Treiber, MD (Moderator) | Howard L. Weiner, MD, & Mark R. Lee, MD, PhD*
	11:24 a.m. – 11:38 a.m. | Types of Rhizotomy	*Nisha Gadgil, MD*
	11:38 a.m. – 11:52 a.m. | Fetal Neurosurgery	*William E. Whitehead, MD, PhD*
12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch: Rediscovering the Joy of Neurosurgery Unity + Freedom + Sustainability | Locum Tenens | Medical Revenue Recovery & the NSA **11:55 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.** | Buffet Available **12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.** | Lunch Presentation	*Anthony V. Maioriello, MD* *No CME Offered*
12:45 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.	Industry Showcase	*Join the Bayou & Bottle's Mobile Coffee Shop in the Foyer* *No CME Offered*
1:10 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.	**Pediatrics**	
	1:10 p.m. – 1:34 p.m. | Movement Disorders	*Daniel J. Curry, MD*
	1:34 p.m. – 1:48 p.m. | Management of Pediatric Trauma	*Daniel R. Hansen, MD*
	1:48 p.m. – 2:02 p.m. | Management of Pediatric Tumors	*Guillermo Aldave, MD, PhD*
2:05 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Exhibit Break	*Exhibit Hall*
2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Documentation & Coding Update	*Teri Romano*
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	The Art of Bourbon: A Tasting Reception	*Houston Four Seasons*

Sunday, February 1, 2026 | General Session

Salon B

Time	Event	Speaker
7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast	*Exhibit Hall*
7:50 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Welcome	*Michael A. Leonard, MD, & Akash J. Patel, MD*
8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	**Vascular + Skull Base Tumors**	
	8:00 a.m. – 8:24 a.m. | Management of Complex AVMs	*Mark Dannenbaum, MD (Moderator) | Gavin Britz, MD; P. Roc Chen, MD; & Jonathan White, MD*
	8:24 a.m. – 8:38 a.m. | Middle Meningeal Artery Embolization for Subdural Hematoma	*Naser Jaleel, MD*
	8:38 a.m. – 8:52 a.m. | Venous Sinus Stenting for Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension	*Omar Tanweer, MD*
	8:52 a.m. – 9:06 a.m. | Novel Imaging and Therapies for Acute Stroke	*Panagiotis Mastorakos, MD, PhD*
	9:06 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. | Management of Complex Aneurysms	*Christopher C. Young, MD, PhD (Moderator) | Peter T. Kan, MD; Ramsey R. Ashour MD; & Arthur Day, MD*
	9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. | Management of Challenging Skull Base Tumors	*Jacques Morcos, MD*
9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Health Care Policy: Have We Reached a Breaking Point in Austin & Washington? (CME Ethics Hour)	*Bobby Hillert | TANS*

Friday, January 30 | Resident Lectures

Time	Event	Speaker
3:30 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.	Predictors of Early Recurrence After Percutaneous Rhizotomy for Idiopathic Trigeminal Neuralgia	*Samuel Daly, MD*
3:40 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	Disparities in the Withdrawal of Life-Sustaining Therapy in Traumatic Brain Injury Patients With Recovery Potential: An IMPACT Analysis of the National Trauma Data Bank	*Ryan Chiu, MD*
3:50 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	The Role of Skull Neutrophils in DCI After Aneurysm Rupture	*William Wroe, MD*
4:00 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.	Photoacoustic Imaging in Neurosurgery: First-in-Human Application During Brain Tumor Resection	*Preston D'Souza, MD*
4:10 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.	The Baylor Score for Prognosticating Gunshot Wounds to the Head	*Sricharan Gopakumar, MD*
4:20 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Direct STAMCA Bypass for Symptomatic, Atherosclerotic Severe M1 Stenosis: Recent Experience From 8 High-Volume Centers	*Molly Lafuente, DO*
4:30 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.	Endoscopic Repair of Spontaneous CSF Leaks	*Audrey Demand, MD*

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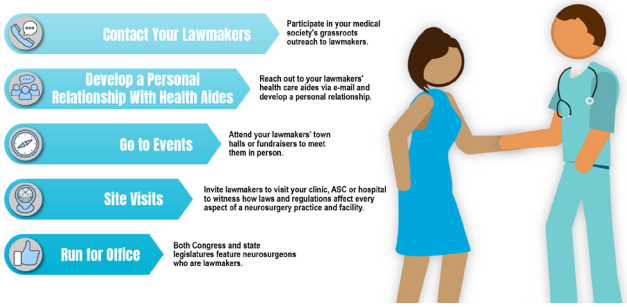

Saturday, January 31, 2026 | APP Course

Highland

Time	Event	Speaker
7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast	*Exhibit Hall*
8:00 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.	Introduction and Discussion of Future TANS APP Course	*Michael Levy, MSN, APRN, ACNP-BC, CNRN*
8:10 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.	Tumor Lecture	*Krish Vigneswaran, MD*
9:10 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.	Vascular Lecture	*Joseph A. Cochran, MD*
10:10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Exhibitor Break	
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Spine Lecture	*John C. Quinn, MD*
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	APP TANS Board Discussion	*Networking & Discussion*
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	*General Session Room*
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Trauma Lecture	*Ryan S. Kitagawa, MD*
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Management of Anticoagulation and Anticoagulation Reversal in Trauma	*Teresa Allison, PharmD*
3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Neuroanatomy and Imaging Review: What to Look For	*Anita Bhansali, MD*
4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Coding Course	*Terri Romano*

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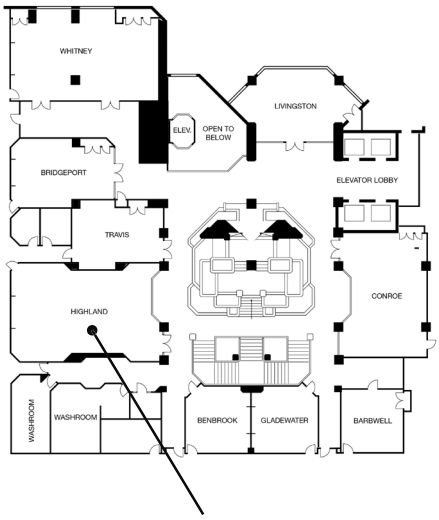

Highland:
Friday's Resident Coding Course
Saturday's APP Course

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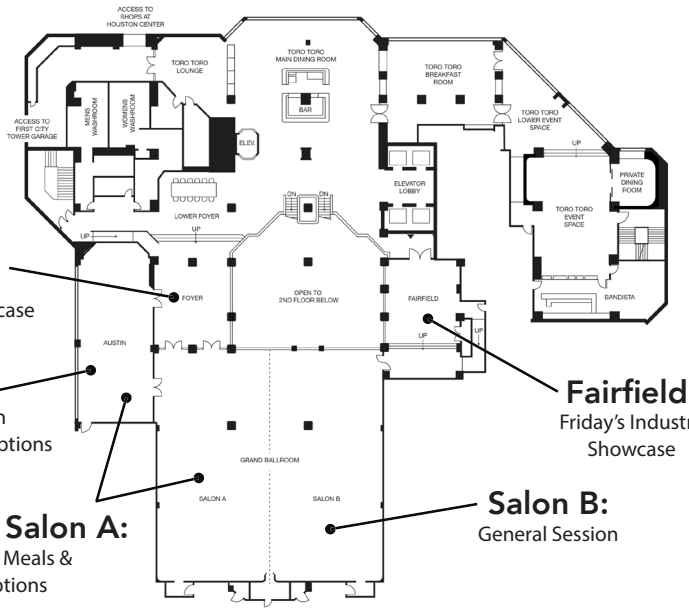

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Saturday's
Industry Showcase

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Austin & Salon A:
Exhibits, Meals &
Receptions

Fairfield:
Friday's Industry
Showcase

Salon B:
General Session

Networking Events & Conference Information

Friday's Industry Showcase

4:40 p.m. – 5:10 p.m. | Fairfield Room

Experience innovation at the TANS Industry Showcase as three companies highlight their newest technologies. Enjoy a curated selection of wine while networking during the Industry Showcase.

Participants:

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- Precision Surgical
- Aesculap

Saturday's Industry Showcase

12:45 p.m. – 1:10 p.m. | Foyer

The Four Seasons' lobby coffee shop comes to the TANS Industry Showcase, serving handcrafted espressos, lattes, and specialty coffee drinks. Experience innovation as four companies highlight their newest technologies while you network.

Participants:

- Integrity Surgical Sales
- Medtronic
- Stryker
- Phasor Health

Raise a Glass: TANS Wine Tasting Reception

Friday | 5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. | Both Exhibit Areas

Join us for a fun and relaxed networking reception featuring a curated wine tasting by the Four Seasons sommelier. Sample a selection of wines while enjoying heavy appetizers and connecting with colleagues throughout both exhibit areas.

Saturday's Lunch: Rediscovering the Joy of Neurosurgery

11:55 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. | Buffet
12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. | Rediscovering the Joy of Neurosurgery

Pick up your buffet lunch and head into the general session room for Friday's lunch presentation, *Rediscovering the Joy of Neurosurgery.* Our speaker will explore themes of unity, freedom and sustainability in neurosurgery, with a focus on locum tenens and medical revenue recovery in the context of the No Surprises Act.

The Art of Bourbon: A Tasting Reception

Saturday | 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. | Both Exhibit Areas

Sip, sample and socialize at this bourbon tasting reception featuring selections curated by the Houston Four Seasons' bourbon experts. Enjoy great bourbon, heavy appetizers and relaxed networking throughout both exhibit areas.

Breakfast, Lunches & Breaks

Food and beverage service, including breakfasts, lunches, breaks, and coffee, will be located throughout both exhibit areas.

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Description: This meeting is designed to identify areas of recent research in neurosurgery relevant to surgeons and advanced practice providers. This information will be transmitted through scientific paper presentations, question and answer sessions, presentations on surgical techniques and current concepts and symposiums.

Statement of Need: A need for this educational activity has been determined based on focus groups consisting of neurosurgeons.

Target Audience: Neurosurgeons, advanced practice providers and other clinicians with an interest in the neurosurgery arena.

Educational Method: Lecture presentations, case studies, and symposiums.

Accreditation Statement: This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Texas Medical Association (TMA) through the joint providership of Texas Orthopaedic Association and Texas Association of Neurological Surgeons. The Texas Orthopaedic Association is accredited by TMA to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The Texas Orthopaedic Association designates this live activity for a maximum of *17.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Sunday's talk - "Public Policy: Austin + Washington, DC" - has been designated by the Texas Orthopaedic Association for 1.0 credit(s) of education in medical ethics and/or professional responsibility.

Possible CME Per Attendee	
General Session	
Friday:	6.75
Saturday:	8.0
Sunday:	3.0
Total General Session:	17.75
Saturday's APP Course:	7.0
Saturday APP + Friday/ Sunday General Sessions:	16.75

Global Learning Objectives: Upon completion of this meeting, learners should be able to:

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Continuing Medical Education

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Program Committee: The program committees for both the Texas Association of Neurological Surgeons and Texas Orthopaedic Association were in charge of planning and approving the event.

Texas Association of Neurological Surgeons Program Committee

- Michael A. Leonard, MD - TANS President, 2025-26
- Akash J. Patel, MD - TANS Vice President, 2025-26
- Michael Levy, MSN, APRN, ACNP-BC - TANS APP Chair - 2025-26

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- James Saucedo, MD - TOA Program Co-Chair, 2025-26
- Christina Brady, MD - TOA Program Co-Chair, 2025-26
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