

Neurosurgery Sub-Specialties Conference 2026

Spine Case Conference

February 20, 2026 – 7:00 AM

Overall Activity Objectives:

- 1 Treat complex surgical conditions based on up-to-date information provided by a wide variety of neurosurgical specialists with diverse training.
- 2 Review cases regularly and participate in multidisciplinary team care management for complex diagnoses and to improve patient outcomes.
- 3 Anticipate possible complications for simple and complex procedures and stay up to date on treatment options for patients.
- 4 Select patients for thrombectomy and stroke procedures optimally.
- 5 Select patients for spine fusion optimally.
- 6 Utilize imaging for localization of cranial disease appropriately.
- 7 Utilize resources effectively and manage vasospasm optimally.
- 8 Evaluate unstable spine fracture preoperatively.
- 9 Stratify risk of brain metastases patients with follow-up studies selected accordingly.
- 10 Identify endocrine dysfunction in pituitary tumors quickly.
- 11 Identify sagittal and coronal balance preoperatively to ensure thorough index spine operation.
- 12 Decrease patient length of stay and symptomatic anti-diuretic hormone management after skull base tumors.
- 13 Follow-up glioma patients to minimize recurrence in timely and thorough fashion.

Session Objectives:

- 1 test 1
- 2 test
- 3 test 3

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