

The 21st Annual Dr. Walter Grand Neurosurgical Forum at Ponte Vedra
Thursday, April 23rd - Saturday, April 25th, 2026
Ponte Vedra Lodge & Club ~ Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida

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THURSDAY EVENING, April 23rd

Conference Attendees

5:30 pm Introduction/Cocktail Reception

*Trellis at Ponte Vedra Lodge & Club
 (Cocktail or Business Casual Attire)*

7:30 pm Keynote Lecture

Ocean 2, Ponte Vedra Lodge & Club

**The Treatment of Subdural Hematomas:
 Finally, Some Respect?**

Kevin Gibbons, MD

Chief of Neurosurgery, University at Buffalo Neurosurgery
 Senior Associate Dean, University at Buffalo
 Buffalo, NY

Spouse Event

6:00 pm Spouses' Reception w/Laura Grand
(Cocktail or Business Casual Attire)



All Presentations on Friday and Saturday will be held in Ocean 2, 2nd Floor (Business Casual Attire)

FRIDAY, April 24th

CRANIAL SESSION

7:30 am ~ Continental Breakfast & Welcome *Palm Room, 1st Fl*

8:00 **CHECKMATE – a SAH Shunt Prediction Model** Saif Salman, MD; Mayo Clinic Florida, Jacksonville, FL

8:30 **I've Just Been Sued! Now What???** Gordon Baltuch, MD, PhD; Columbia Neurosurgery, New York City, NY

9:00 **Can Confocal Microscopy Replace Classic Intra-operative Imaging?** Cleopatra Charalampaki, MD; Cologne Medical Center, Cologne, Germany

9:30 **Title TBD** Alex Fritz, MD; University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

10:00 Dedicated Exhibitor Break *Palm Room, 1st Fl*

GENERAL NEUROSURGERY SESSION

10:30 Special Guest Neurosurgical Future Frontier Lecturer

Artificial Intelligence in Neurosurgery

Rich W. Byrne, MD

Professor and Chair of Department of Neurosurgery
 Mayo Clinic Florida
 Jacksonville, FL

11:15 **Title TBD** Jose Sandoval Consuegra, MD; Allegheny Health Network, Pittsburgh, PA (*Mentor – Alexander Yu, MD*)

11:45 **Title TBD** Kristine Ravina, MD; Carilion Clinic, Roanoke, VA (*Mentor – Lisa Apfel, MD*)

12:15 **The Increasing Administrative Presence in Medicine** Eric Nottmeier, MD; Mayo Clinic Florida, Jacksonville, FL

12:45 **Discussion - Summation and Close**

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6:00 pm Friday Family Fun Night, *West Lawn and Stockton Room, Ponte Vedra Inn & Club; Vehicle transportation from Lodge to Inn provided at bell stand – leave early to avoid lines and enjoy amenities at the Inn (Casual attire)*

Relaxing sunset farm to table dinner overlooking lagoon and golf course including the 4th Annual Ponte Vedra Children's Olympics with games and activities

SATURDAY, April 25th

SPINAL SESSION

7:30 am ~ Continental Breakfast & Welcome *Palm Room, 1st Fl*

8:00 **Title TBD** Andrew Fanous, MD; Innova Health, Fairfax, VA

8:30 **TITLE TBD** Lisa Ercolano, MD; Allegheny Health Network, Pittsburgh, PA

9:00 **High Stakes, Hard Choices: Ethical Practice in Neurosurgery** Justin Davanzo, MD and Dorian Kusy, MD; Allegheny Health Network, Pittsburgh, PA; Lindsay Lipinski, MD; Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, Buffalo, NY

9:45 Dedicated Exhibitor Break *Palm Room, 1st Fl*

GENERAL NEUROSURGERY SESSION

10:15 Tribute to Dr. Walter Grand

Niteen Andalkar, MD

East Valley Neurosurgery, Mesa, AZ

Dr. Walter Grand Neurosurgical Forum Award

11:15 **Title TBD** Giselle Coelho Caselato, MD; Mayo Clinic Florida, Jacksonville, FL

11:45 **Neurosurgery, Sleep, Performance, and the Glymphatic System.** Daniel Shade Jr, MD; Allegheny Health Network, Pittsburgh, PA

12:15 **Title TBD** Cody Woodhouse, MD; Allegheny Health Network, Pittsburgh, PA (*Mentor – Alexander Yu, MD*)

12:45 **Case Logs to Case Libraries: Perpetual Learning in the Age of AI** Raj Nangunoori, MD

1:15 **Discussion - Summation and Close**

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6:00 pm Laura's Beach Bash!

Trellis and Beach, Ponte Vedra Lodge & Club (Beach wear)

6:00 Cocktails, appetizers, beach games

7:00 Beach barbeque buffet dinner

8:00 Bonfire on the beach (with S'mores!)

Dr. Jody Leonardo

Dr. Laura Grand in honor of Wally, Yvonne, and Monique

Without your continued support, we could not continue this annual tradition.

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