

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 Key Note Lecture

The Treatment of Subdural Hematomas: Finally Some Respect?

Kevin Gibbons, MD

Ocean 2, Ponte Vedra Lodge & Club

Spouse Event ~

6:00 pm Spouses' Reception w/Laura Grand

(Cocktail or Business Casual Attire)



*Spouses ~ Please meet Laura directly at the Seaview Dining Room,
Ponte Vedra Lodge & Club*

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 **Nomogram SAH** Kristine Ravina, DO/MD?;
Carilion Clinic, Roanoke, VA (*Mentor – Lisa Apfel, MD*)

8:30 **The Art of Getting Sued** Gordon Baltuch, MD, PhD;
Columbia Neurosurgery, New York City, NY

9:00 **TBD**

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

Rich W. Byrne, MD

Title

11:15 **CHECKMATE – a SAH Shunt Prediction Model** Saif Salman,
Mayo Clinic Florida, Jacksonville, FL

11:45 **The Increasing Administrative Presence in Medicine**
Eric Nottmeier, MD Mayo Clinic Florida, Jacksonville, FL

12:15 **Modern Day Management of Spinal Chordomas** Lisa
Ercolano, MD Allegheny Health Network; Pittsburgh, PA

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
Olympics with children's games and activities

SATURDAY, April 25th

SPINAL SESSION

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

8:00 **Spine Neuro-Oncology** Andrew Fanous, MD; Innova Health;
Fairfax, VA

8:30 **Exoscope and Skull Base Surgery** Jose Sandoval, MD;
Allegheny Health Network; Pittsburgh, PA (*Mentor – Alexander Yu, MD*)

9:00 **Bioethics in Neurosurgery** Justin Davanzo, MD and Dorian
Kusyk, MD; Allegheny Health Network, Pittsburgh, PA; Lindsay
Lipinski, MD; University at Buffalo

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

GENERAL NEUROSURGERY SESSION

10:15 Tribute to Dr. Walter Grand

Niteen Andlakar, MD

Dr. Walter Grand Neurosurgical Forum Award

11:15 **Brain Surgery Training with an Avatar – Update?**
Giselle Coelho Caselato, MD; Mayo Clinic Florida, Jacksonville, FL

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

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

12:45 **After Graduation: Continued Neurosurgical Education**,
Raj Nangunori, MD; TBD

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!)

We would like to gratefully acknowledge all those who have supported the Dr. Walter Grand Neurosurgical Forum, Inc. non-profit organization in the past year.

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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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