



North American Skull Base Society

35th Annual Meeting

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2026 PROGRAM

Pre-Meeting Dissection Course: March 4-5, 2026
University of California San Diego, San Diego, CA
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Dr. Corinna Levine
Dr. Edward Kuan

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Dr. Raymond Cho
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Dr. Brian Lobo
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Track: Craniocervical Junction - Bernard George Education Day

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Track Co-Chairs Cerebrovascular Track: Skull Base and CV Inseparable Twins

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Dr. Georgios Zenonos

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Dr. Michael Link
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Dr. Uma Ramaswamy
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Track Co-Chairs Pediatrics, Socioeconomic & Technology Track: Surgical Education & Training

Dr. Sarah E. Mowry
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Dr. Daniel A. Donoho
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Dr. Matthew Owen Old
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Dr. Christopher J. Farrell
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Track Co-Chairs - Lateral Skull Base, Petrous Apex & Otology Track: Temporal Bone and Petrous Apex Tumor

Dr. Michael E. Ivan
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues, Mentors, and Friends in the Skull Base Community,

On behalf of the Board and the Scientific Program Committee of the NASBS, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to our 35th Annual Meeting in the vibrant and inspiring city of San Diego. This year's gathering, themed "Anything Is Possible," reflects our shared commitment to pushing the boundaries of skull base surgery through innovation, mentorship, and collaboration across disciplines to improve patient care.



Welcome to San Diego

San Diego offers the perfect backdrop for our meeting — a coastal city renowned for its sunshine, creativity, and relaxed sophistication. Across the bay, Coronado Island's pristine beaches and the historic Hotel del Coronado capture the region's timeless elegance, while the USS Midway Museum brings history and technology to life on the harbor. Neighborhoods from Little Italy to Ocean Beach overflow with energy, art, and flavor, offering some of the best Mexican cuisine north of the border alongside vibrant cafes and coastal dining.

Altogether, San Diego embodies the spirit of "Anything Is Possible" — pairing sunshine and sophistication with imagination and connection — an ideal setting for an unforgettable meeting.

Scientific Program & Professional Growth

Our Program Chairs — Drs. Nickalus Khan and Christine Dinh have crafted a rich and diverse curriculum designed for all physicians devoted to skull base care. The core of our Society is multidisciplinary collaboration, and this year's program highlights it brilliantly.

Program highlights include:

Our annual and always outstanding Pre-Meeting Dissection Course. In-depth sessions on the anterior and lateral skull base, orbit, sellar and parasellar pathology, petrous apex, infratemporal fossa, jugular foramen, and head and neck region. A dedicated Skull Base and Cerebrovascular Surgery Track — the inseparable twins of our discipline. Neuroradiology sessions, including the must-see Curtin Call Radiology Lecture: Skull Base Imaging Conundrums and How to Think Through Them by Dr. Amy Juliano, a leading neuroradiologist, educator, and innovator whose work unites cutting-edge skull base imaging with translational neuro-otology, will take place during Friday's General Session. Operative Video sessions by masters of skull base surgery.

Specialized education days: ICOM (International Consortium on Meningiomas), Vinko Dolenc Education Day, Bernard George Education Day, and International Pituitary Day.

Honored speakers include masters of the field who have inspired generations of skull base surgeons:

- Dr. Jon Robertson — Past President of NASBS and my chairperson.
- Dr. Richard Nelson — Past President of the Society of British Neurological Surgeons and my fellowship director.
- Dr. Gelareh Zadeh — Chair of Neurosurgery, Mayo Clinic Rochester, and a trailblazer in every sense of the word.
- Dr. Fred Barker — Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Neurosurgery Publishing Group and one of the leading minds in our field.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT CONT.

The celebrated “Rhoton Room” for advanced anatomical demonstration and dissection. The entertaining Who Wants to Be a Millionaire hosted by Drs. Walter Jean and Vijay Agarwal.

Career development and leadership sessions for surgeons at all career stages.
Exploration of emerging technologies shaping the future of skull base surgery.

Social Events: Networking

The most memorable part of every NASBS meeting is the opportunity to connect with mentors and mentees, colleagues from diverse specialties, and industry partners who share our vision. This year’s social events are designed to foster those invaluable connections:

Welcome Reception; Networking Event (Friday, March 6):

An evening of lively conversation and collaboration, complemented by dedicated Exhibit Hall hours for refreshment breaks, lunch sessions, and industry engagement.

Saturday Night Celebration: Legendary in every sense of the word! Your skull base colleagues will trade white coats for guitars and microphones — a can’t-miss event featuring the best music from the best surgeons.

A Women in Skull Base Surgery Networking Session — affirming that mentorship, leadership, and diversity strengthen our Society. #WeAreNASBS. Bring your whole skull base team — including residents, fellows, and allied professionals — to share in the camaraderie that defines NASBS.

Logistics: Practical Details

Venue: Town and Country Resort, San Diego, California Dates: March 5–8, 2026 (Pre-Meeting Courses on March 4; Main Program March 6–8)

Registration: Includes full access to the scientific program and all social events. Travel Tip: Arrive early if you can, stay a little longer if your schedule allows, and consider bringing your family — San Diego offers both scholarly engagement and pure relaxation.

Closing Thoughts

As we gather in this beautiful setting, let us reaffirm our shared commitment to mentorship, collegiality, innovation, and excellence. I extend my deepest gratitude to our faculty, industry partners, abstract presenters, and to you — the members of the North American Skull Base Society — for your unwavering dedication to advancing the science and art of skull base surgery.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your President. I look forward to seeing you in San Diego, sharing the energy and optimism that define this Society, and together embracing the truth that “Anything Is Possible”.

Warm regards,

L. Madison Michael II, MD, FAANS
President, North American Skull Base Society

SPEAKERS

[Learn more about our lineup of speakers here](#)

Curtin Call Speaker | Amy Juliano, MD

Honored Guest Speakers

Jon H. Robertson, MD, FAANS

Richard Nelson, MA, FRCS(Eng), FRCS(Ed)

Gelareh Zadeh, MD, PhD, FRCS(C)

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ANNUAL MEETING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Understand and explain the most recent recommendations for the management of skull base pathology
- Describe recent advances in instrumentation and technology in skull base surgery
- Gain knowledge in challenging skull base pathology from experienced leaders in the field
- Collaborate in multidisciplinary working groups to identify state-of-the-art management for select skull base pathology
- To gain knowledge on optimal technical surgical management of complex skull base pathology through video analysis and expert critique of intraoperative video
- Establish a consensus statement on the management of complex skull base pathology through a review of existing medical literature.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The NASBS meeting is open to NASBS members and non-members.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Otolaryngologists, head and neck surgeons, neurosurgeons, reconstructive surgeons, radiation oncologists, radiologists, medical oncologists, physical rehabilitation physicians, ophthalmologists, neurologists, maxillofacial surgeons, maxillofacial prosthodontists, and endocrinologists
- Targeted allied health professionals include physical therapists, oncology nurses, oral health specialists, occupational therapists, speech and language pathologists, optometrists, and psychologists.

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- Active members will receive The Journal of Neurological Surgery Part B, the official journal of the society, a publication that features peer-reviewed original articles, review articles, and position papers. It also presents news and information on an international scale to keep members informed about recent and upcoming events, activities, and emerging developments in skull base surgery. Affiliate, International, and Candidate members may subscribe to the journal for \$100 annually.
- Discounted rates to attend the Annual Meeting
- Opportunities to network with colleagues and experts from across North America and globally
- Committees that provide opportunities for camaraderie, involvement, and leadership development
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MEETING HOURS

REGISTRATION HOURS

Registration located in —

Thursday, March 5, 2026
6:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Friday, March 6, 2026
6:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Saturday, March 7, 2026
6:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Sunday, March 8, 2026
7:00 AM – 11:00 AM

EXHIBIT HALL/POSTER HOURS

Exhibit Hall located in Golden State Ballroom

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026

Exhibits/Posters
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Welcome Reception
6:05 PM to 7:35 PM

Breakfast, Breaks, and Lunch will be available in the Exhibit Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026

Exhibit Hall Open
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Breakfast, Breaks, and Lunch will be available in the Exhibit Hall

WELCOME RECEPTION

Friday, March 6, 2026
Exhibit Hall -
Golden State Ballroom
6:05 PM – 7:35 PM

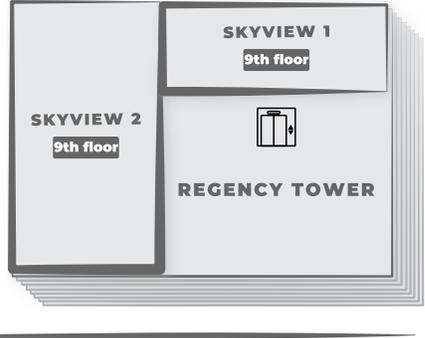
MAIN SOCIAL EVENT

Saturday, March 7, 2026
7:30 PM – 10:00 PM
Flamingo, Lapper & Martini Lawns

FLOOR PLANS



NORTHEAST CORNER OF PROPERTY



PROGRAM & AGENDA

Advanced Program

Dissection Pre-Course at UCSD Center

ABSTRACTS

2026 Proffered Presentations

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2026 Video Posters



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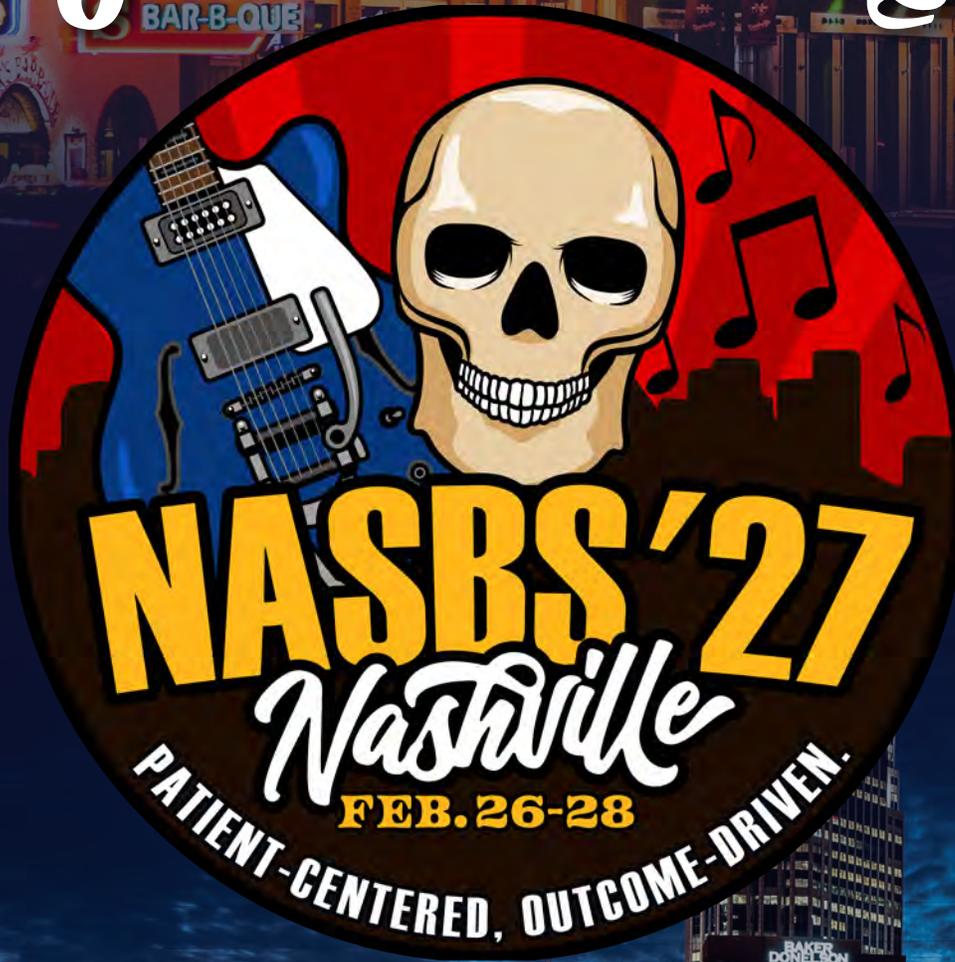


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August 20-23, 2026

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