



PROGRAM

**FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026**

- 4:00 - 5:30PM Registration  
**Cloister Ballroom Foyer**
- 4:00 - 6:00PM Exhibitors Set-up  
**Cloister Ballroom II & III**
- 6:30PM Dinner Party at **Rainbow Island**  
*This is a ticketed event*

**SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026**

- 7:30AM Registration Opens  
**Cloister Ballroom Foyer**
- 7:30 – 8:30AM Continental Breakfast & Visit Exhibits  
**Cloister Ballroom II & III**
- 7:55AM - 12:30PM **SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS**  
**Mizner I Ballroom**
- 7:55 - 8:00AM Welcome and Introductions  
**Matthew Gary, MD**                      **Juanmarco Gutierrez, MD**  
GNS President                              GNS Program Chair
- 8:00 – 9:00AM *Spine Debates*  
Moderator: **Rusty Rodts, MD**  
Laminoplasty vs CPF for CSM from OPLL  
**Sean Hyunwoo Do, MD**  
**Nelson Sofoluke, MD**  
L2 to S1 laminectomy and fusion, should I go to the pelvis?  
**Mena Kerolus, MD**  
**Steve Spitz, MD**
- 9:00 – 10:00AM *Cranial Debates*  
Moderator: **Dan Barrow, MD**  
*Endovascular vs. Open Management of Complex Aneurysms*  
**Brian Howard, MD**  
**Michael Cawley, MD**  
*Hydrocephalus – ETV vs. VPS*  
**Khoi Nguyen, MD**  
**Neal Laxpati, MD**
- 10:00 – 10:30AM **BREAK & VISIT EXHIBITS**
- 10:30 – 10:40AM **HONORED GUEST INTRO:**

**Rusty Rodts, MD**

- 10:40 – 11:20AM **HONORED GUEST TALK: *Building a Successful Career***  
**Daniel Barrow, MD**
- 11:20 – 11:25AM Questions & Answers
- 11:25 – 11:40AM *Expectations for Neurosurgeon Expert Witnesses*  
**Michael Hartman, MD**
- 11:40 – 11:45AM Questions & Answers
- 11:45 – 12:25PM ***Resident Paper Contest Presentations – Session #1*** (10 minute presentations)  
*Is Cervical Disc Arthroplasty Non-inferior to Anterior Cervical Discectomy and Fusion for Cervical Spondylotic Myelopathy?*  
**Daniel Zeitouni, MD**
- Extended trans-frontal sinus, supra-orbital craniotomy for sub-frontal, trans-lamina terminalis approach for isolated 3rd ventricular lesions - Technical nuances and case presentations*  
**David Baker, MD**
- Postoperative Length of Stay and Readmission Risk in Craniopharyngioma vs. Pituitary Adenoma*  
**Karen Salmeron-Moreno, MD**
- Endoscopic Endonasal Approach for Optic Nerve Sheath Fenestration and Bony Decompression of the Optic Canal for Treatment of Optic Nerve Glioma in an 11-year-old Boy*  
**Karen Asher**
- 12:25 – 12:30PM Resident Paper Questions & Answers
- 1:25PM **Georgia Neurosurgical Society Dan Barrow Cup** - A golf tournament supporting the **GNS Resident Research and Education Fund**
- 6:45 – 7:30PM Join us for *A Toast to Retiring Emory Chair, Dr. Daniel Barrow*  
**Club Room**

**SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026**

- 7:30 - 9:30AM Registration  
**Cloister Ballroom Foyer**
- 7:30 – 8:30AM Continental Breakfast & Visit Exhibits  
**Cloister Ballroom II & III**
- 8:00AM - 12:30PM **SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS**  
**Mizner Ballroom I**
- 8:00 – 9:00AM *Cranial Complex Cases Panel*  
Moderator: **Gustavo Pradilla, MD**  
Panelists:  
**Scott Rahimi, MD**  
**Edjah Nduom, MD**  
**Tomas Garzon, MD**  
**Jay Howington, MD**

9:00 - 10:00AM	<p><i>Spine Complex Cases Panel</i>  Moderator: <b>Juanmarco Gutierrez, MD</b>  Panelists:  <b>Matthew Gary, MD</b>  <b>Chris Holland, MD</b>  <b>Chris Banerjee, MD</b>  <b>David Gimbel, MD</b></p>
10:00 – 10:30AM	<b>BREAK AND VISIT EXHIBITS</b>
10:30 – 10:40AM	GNS Business Meeting
10:40 – 11:00AM	<p><i>Cavernous Malformations: How MRI, the Microscope and the Bench Created a New Field of Practice</i>  <b>Daniel Barrow, MD</b></p>
11:00 – 11:05AM	Questions & Answers
11:05 – 11:25AM	<p><i>Brain tumor clinical trials at Emory</i>  <b>Byram Ozer, MD</b></p>
11:25 – 11:30AM	Questions & Answers
11:30 – 11:45AM	<p><i>Establishing a comprehensive stroke center at Piedmont Augusta</i>  <b>Cargill Alleyne, MD</b></p>
11:45 – 11:50AM	Questions & Answers
11:50 – 12:20PM	<p><b><i>Resident Paper Contest Presentations – Session #2</i></b> (10 minute presentations)  <i>Temporal Trends and Treatment Disparities in Management of Brain Metastases: A Nationwide Analysis</i>  <b>Victor Samuel Lopez Rivera, MD</b></p> <p><i>Compartment-Specific Volumetrics Predict Facial Pain Outcomes in Petroclival Meningiomas with Secondary Trigeminal Neuralgia</i>  <b>Hithardhi Duggireddy</b></p> <p><i>Transcriptional Remodeling in Meningioma Progression Reflects Loss of Differentiation and Emergence of an Immune-Suppressive Microenvironment</i>  <b>Rommi Kashlan</b></p>
12:20 – 12:25PM	Resident Section Questions & Answers
12:25 – 12:30PM	Resident Paper Winner Awarded & Meeting Adjourned

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