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2026

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

# ISASS26

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26<sup>TH</sup> Annual Conference

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# Conference Highlights

- **Engaging Sessions:** New and Emerging Technologies, Motion Preservation, Endoscopy, MIS, Publishing High-Impact Papers, Early Career Surgeon and many more
- Debates, Panel Discussions, and Leadership Addresses
- International Perspective on Treating Spinal Disorders
- **100+** Free Papers Focused on the Latest Research for Management of Spinal Disorders
- Industry Exhibits and Workshops Highlighting the Latest in Spine Technology Innovation



## EARLY CAREER SURGEON GRANT

If you are a resident, fellow or in the first 3 years of practice, you are invited to apply for a grant to attend ISASS26.

- **Submit your application here** by **January 21, 2026**
- Notifications of acceptance will be sent by **February 4, 2026**.
- **If Selected:**
  - Recipients must\* attend a Breakfast Workshop Friday and Saturday, the Early Career Surgeon Luncheon, visit ten exhibit booths and attend a Corporate Dinner on Thursday evening.
  - Selected recipients who complete their designated path will receive a \$750 travel grant and complimentary ISASS membership for 1 year (valued up to \$295).

*\*Attendance to these events is required to be eligible for the grant funds.*



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## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Submit your research for a podium or e-poster presentation at ISASS 2026! **Over 100+ Free Papers** will be accepted this year for podium presentations and 200+ for e-poster presentations.

Submission deadline: **December 15, 2025**

[Learn More Here](#)

# Invited Conference Faculty

120+ 

renowned **global** invited **faculty**

More than  
**10 countries**  
represented



A balanced mix of  
**Orthopaedic Surgeons  
& Neurosurgeons**



 [TO REVIEW THE FULL LIST: CLICK HERE](#)

## IRENE SAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



*From her UCSF Neurosurgery colleagues: Dr. Say was a talented spine surgeon, a dedicated mentor, a force of positive energy, and above all a kind, funny and remarkable soul.*

A scholarship named in honor of Irene Say, MD will be provided to an outstanding early career female spine surgeon, covering housing and registration fees for this year's Annual Conference.

Applicants who are not selected for this scholarship will automatically be included for consideration in the Early Career Surgeon Grant review process. All requirements apply.

- **Submit your application here** by **January 21, 2026**.
- Notification of acceptance will be sent by **February 4, 2026**.
- The scholarship recipients and sponsors will receive special recognition at the **Women in Spine Surgery Reception** on **Friday, April 10**.

# Conference At-A-Glance

## THURSDAY, APRIL 9

7:00 AM	Registration Opens
8:00	<b>GENERAL SESSION 1: New &amp; Emerging Spine Technology</b>
10:00	Refreshment Break with NON-CME Workshop
10:30	<b>GENERAL SESSION 2: Motion Preservation in the Spine: Distinction and Nuance</b>
12:30 PM	Lunch with Exhibits & Early Career Surgeon Lunch
1:30	<b>CONCURRENT SESSION 1: Updates in Complex Spine—Principles for Non-Deformity Spine Surgeons</b>
	<b>CONCURRENT SESSION 2: Most Pressing Challenges Facing Spine Surgeons Today</b>
	<b>CONCURRENT SESSION 3: Writing High Impact Papers: Research, Data Analysis, and Journal Selection</b>
3:15	Refreshment Break with Exhibits & E-Poster Viewing
3:50	<b>GENERAL SESSION 3: Advanced Surgical Techniques &amp; Technology/US Presidential Address</b>
6:00	<b>Welcome Reception with Exhibits</b>

## FRIDAY, APRIL 10

7:00 AM	Registration Opens
7:30	Non-CME Workshops with Breakfast
8:30	<b>GENERAL SESSION 4: Top Free Papers &amp; IJSS Articles</b>
10:00	Refreshment Break with Exhibits & E-Poster Viewing
10:30	<b>GENERAL SESSION 5: Endoscopic Spine Surgery</b>
12:00 PM	Lunch with Exhibits & Exclusive Non-CME Workshop
1:00	<b>CONCURRENT SESSION 4: Spinal Oncology: Decision Management and Treatment Options</b>
	<b>CONCURRENT SESSION 5: Controversies in Cervical Spine Surgery</b>
	<b>CONCURRENT SESSION 6: Early Career Surgeons: Best Advice Given and Hardest Lessons Learned</b>
2:30	Refreshment Break with Exhibits & E-Poster Viewing
3:00	<b>GENERAL SESSION 6: International Session: How I Would Treat This in My Country/International Presidential Address/Awards/Keynote Speaker</b>
5:00	<b>GENERAL SESSION 7: DEBATES &amp; DRINKS</b>
6:00	<b>Women in Spine Surgery Reception</b>
7:00	<b>All-attendee Event</b>

## SATURDAY, APRIL 11

7:00 AM	Registration Opens
7:30	Exclusive Non-CME Workshop with Breakfast
8:30	<b>GENERAL SESSION 8: Free Papers—Rapid Fire</b>
10:10	Refreshment Break
10:30	<b>GENERAL SESSION 9: Even the Masters Have Complications: What I Learned from My Worst Case and How I Would Do It Differently Now</b>
12:00 PM	Lunch (Grab-n-Go to Free Paper Session)
12:18	<b>GENERAL SESSION 10: Free Papers—Rapid Fire</b>
2:00	Conference Adjourns

*\*Program and faculty may be subject to change*

# Registration

## Early-bird Registration Discount **EXPIRES MARCH 13**

Save over \$300 in registration by becoming a member of ISASS

[Register Online Here](#)

	Early By March 13	Standard March 13–April 11
<b>Surgeon</b>	\$895 (member) \$1195 (non-member)	\$995 (member) \$1295 (non-member)
<b>Allied Health (PA, NP, etc.)</b>	\$595 (member) \$895 (non-member)	\$695 (member) \$995 (non-member)
<b>Resident/Fellow/Student</b>	\$295 (member) \$420 (non-member)	\$295 (member) \$420 (non-member)
<b>Surgeon—Emerging Country*</b>	\$195 (member) \$395 (non-member)	\$295 (member) \$495 (non-member)

\*Practice in Lower or Lower-Middle Income Country as Defined by the **World Bank**

### PAYMENT POLICY

Please note that check or wire transfer payments for registration must be received by March 13, 2026. If payment is not received by this date, your registration will be cancelled.

### REGISTRATION CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations must be made in writing to Christina Bessette at [cbessette@broad-water.com](mailto:cbessette@broad-water.com). Full refunds, less a \$150 administrative fee, will be provided for cancellations received by March 13, 2026. Cancellations after this date will not be refunded unless there is a documented medical or travel emergency or institutional travel policy.

### COURSE CANCELLATION POLICY

In the unlikely event the conference is cancelled, your registration will be refunded in full. Other costs incurred by the registrant, such as airline or hotel penalties, are the responsibility of the registrant.



### DID YOU KNOW?

**ISASS membership costs less than the amount you save on registration—it's a win-win!**

ISASS members also receive subscriptions to the *International Journal of Spine Surgery*, *Vertebral Columns*, Policy & Advocacy Newsletter, and more!

**Visit [ISASS.org](https://ISASS.org) for more information.**

[Register Online Here](#)

# Housing Details

Fontainebleau Miami Beach is a luxury oceanfront resort located in Miami Beach, Florida. Renowned for its striking architecture and glamorous history, the hotel offers upscale accommodations, a variety of dining options, a world-class spa, and direct access to a beautiful sandy beach.

## Fontainebleau Miami Beach

4441 Collins Avenue | Miami Beach, FL 33140



### ROOM RATES

Run of House: \$409/night (before taxes and fees)

### TAXES & FEES

All guests reservations are subject to a room tax of 14% (subject to change) and a discounted \$42 hotel fee per room per day.

### DEPOSIT AND CANCELLATION POLICY

All reservation requests will require a one (1) night advance payment that will be refundable only if the reservation is cancelled at least 30 days prior to arrival date.

### RESERVATIONS PROCEDURE

Make your reservation by **March 16, 2026** to receive the discounted rate!

[Book Online](#)

# CME Information



## Target Audience

This course is designed to meet the educational needs for orthopaedic and neurological spine surgeons, fellows, residents, and allied health professionals engaged in the science and practice of spine surgery.

## Statement of Need/Program Overview

Our purpose is to advance spine surgery and improve surgical outcomes, through ongoing educational interchange among spine surgeons, allied health professionals, and scientists, always adhering to the highest scientific and ethical standards.



## Learning Objectives

After completing this activity, the participant should be better able to:

- Discuss research results in basic science, treatments and technologies in the field of spine surgery
- Evaluate and recommend treatment and surgical options for patients with various spine conditions
- Describe and compare innovative technologies in both assessment and treatment options for various spine conditions

## JOINT PROVIDERSHIP

This program is jointly provided by Medical Education Resources, Inc (MER) and the International Society for the Advancement of Spine Surgery (ISASS).

## ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by Medical Education Resources (MER) and the International Society for the Advancement of Spine Surgery (ISASS). MER is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME).

## PHYSICIAN CREDIT

Medical Education Resources designates this live activity for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

## DISCLOSURE OF ALL FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Medical Education Resources insures balance, independence, objectivity, and scientific rigor in all our educational activities. In accordance with this policy, MER identifies conflicts of interest with its instructors, content managers, and other individuals who are in a position to control the content of an activity. Reported financial

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## FDA (UNITED STATES)

Some drugs and medical devices demonstrated during this course have limited FDA labeling and marketing clearance. It is the responsibility of the physician to be aware of drug or device FDA labeling and marketing status.

## COMMERCIAL SUPPORT

Various medical companies have been invited to exhibit and provide grants for this course. Full disclosure of financial and other support will be provided in the course materials.

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