

2025 Annual Meeting Punta Mita, Mexico

Scientific Program Highlights

Trauma & Critical Care Section

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- Christopher Winfree presented a case series of phrenic nerve neurolysis to treat diaphragm weakness after parsonage-turner syndrome with promising early results.
- Stephen Dell presented an overview of computational modelling of mammalian cortical network micro-structure
- Robert McGovern presented data supported development of a new biomarker for responders to ANT-DBS for epilepsy. His group discovered that DBS responders show low gamma oscillatory (30-45 Hz) peak that can be suppressed with acute stimulation after measuring LFP recordings over 1-2 years using the Medtronic PC percept system.
- Christopher Miller demonstrated that in patients undergoing High Frequency Ultrasound (HiFU) targeting the Thalamus (Vim) for essential tremor, lesions made in white matter tracts connected to the ipsilateral precentral gyrus.
- Brett Youngerman presented initial safety and feasibility data in a porcine model for Bioelectronic Interface System to the Cortex (BISC), a new ultrathin high density electrode with wireless power and high-throughput telemetry though a wearable relay station.
- Parmita Das spoke about her experiences with the implementation of a program to allow military general surgeons to learn fundamentals of neurosurgical management of TBI in order to provide basic neurosurgical and post-op care on the battlefield until evacuation to higher level of care is available
- **John Lee** gave an entertaining and enlightening talk about his journey to self-installing home solar panels.
- Peter Morrone described an novel computer vision-based system to detect and track surgical instruments in real-time, resulting from a quality improvement initiative to reduce inefficiencies in the Sterile Processing Department (SPD) of the OR.
- Debraj Mukherjee reported on outcomes of a resident-led virtual lecture series for Clerkship students and subinterns on Neurosurgery rotations. The intervention cohort demonstrated significantly improved preparedness and understanding of neurosurgical concepts.
- Piiramaria Virtanen discussed a systematic literature review exploring the use of artificial intelligence (AI), virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR), mixed reality (MR), and 3D printing technologies in neurosurgical training.
- Patricia Raskin presented a challenging case that illustrates the limitations of clinical guidelines in the real world, and the importance of expertise.