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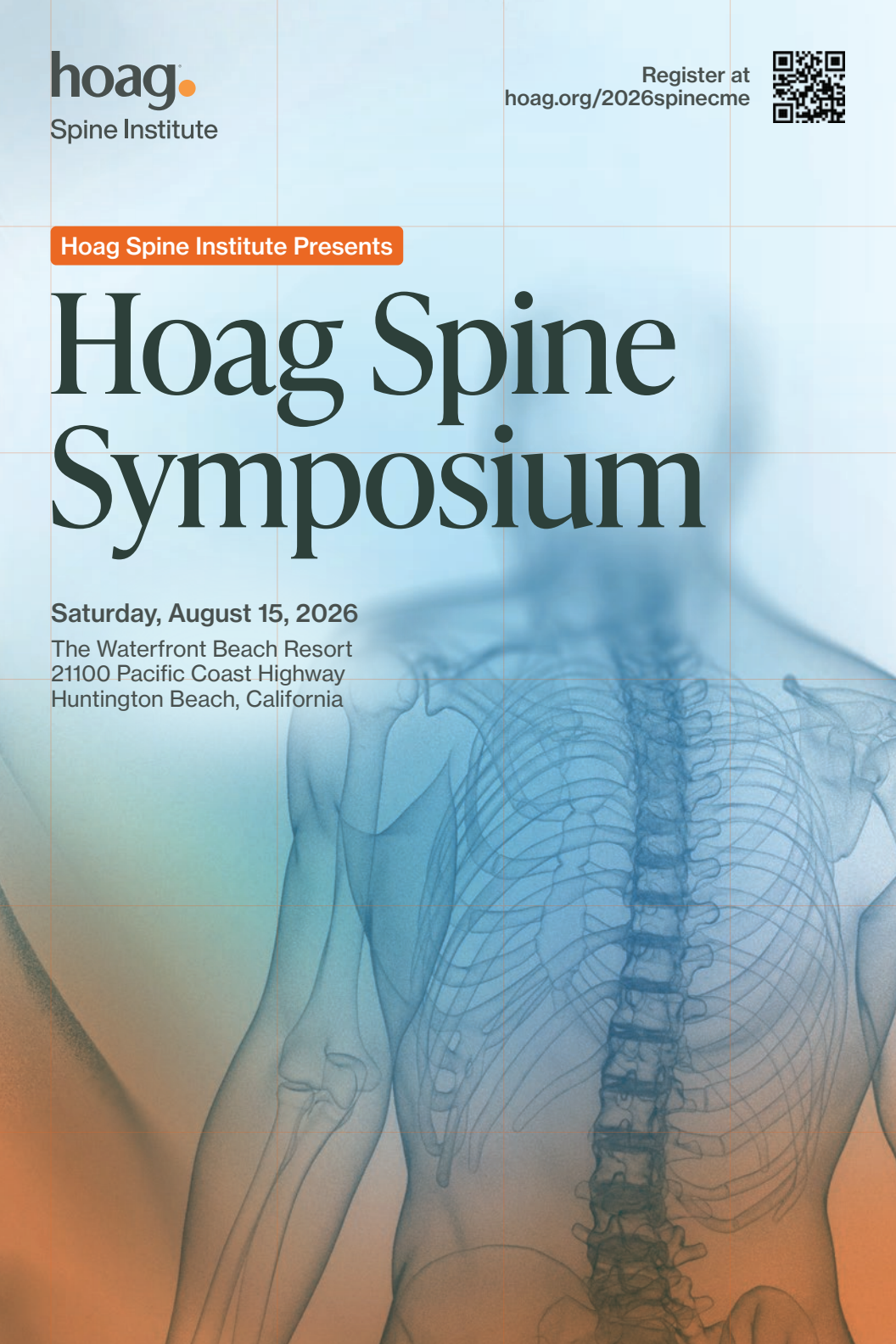
Hoag Spine Institute Presents

Hoag Spine Symposium

Saturday, August 15, 2026

The Waterfront Beach Resort
21100 Pacific Coast Highway
Huntington Beach, California



Conference *Overview*

Join us for a cutting-edge CME symposium that brings together leading experts in spine care to explore the latest advances in surgical techniques, regenerative therapies, and neuromodulation. This comprehensive program will feature clinical cases and evidence-based discussions centered on novel approaches to complex spinal conditions.

This symposium is designed for neurosurgeons, spine surgeons, neurologists, pain specialists, and rehabilitation professionals seeking to elevate their understanding of modern, patient-centered spine care.

Program Objectives

- Review the latest strategies and guidelines for the management of acute and chronic spine pain.
- Discuss innovative treatments and emerging therapies for the effective management of chronic spine pain.
- Describe evolving approaches in the diagnosis and management of radiculopathy due to spinal stenosis.
- Review current best practices and treatment options for managing degenerative conditions of the cervical and lumbar spine pathology.
- Describe the most effective, evidence-based therapeutic interventions for lumbar spine degeneration.
- Explain comprehensive rehabilitation strategies for restoring spine muscle function
- Explain the recommended diagnostic workup and management options through the presentation of unique spine cases.
- Discuss diagnostic workup and management strategies available for complex spine cases through detailed case presentations.

Waterfront Beach Resort, a Hilton Hotel
To reserve room accommodations, call (714) 845-8000 and ask for the Hoag Spine Symposium rate. Rooms and rates subject to sell out. Or, reserve your room via link at **hoag.org/2026spinecme** and click the "Hotel" tab.

Accreditation

CME Accreditation: Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian is accredited by the California Medical Association (CMA) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Credit Designation

Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian designate this educational activity for the maximum of 6.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Nursing Accreditation

This conference has been approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, with provider number 17163, for a total of 6.0 Contact Hours of continuing education credit for registered nurses.

Presenters

Program Co-Directors

Burak M. Ozgur, MD
Neurosurgeon, Medical Director, Hoag Spine Institute

Aaron J. Przybysz, MD, PhD
John L. Curci Family Endowed Chair in Pain Management, Chief of Pain Medicine, Hoag Specialty Clinic, Medical Director, Hoag Pain Management Hoag Spine Institute

Invited Faculty

Muhammad M. Abd-El-Barr, MD, PhD, FAANS
Professor
Vice-Chair, International Affairs
Chief, Endoscopic Spine Surgery, Spine Fellowship Co-Director, Department of Neurosurgery, Duke University Medical Center

Ali A. Baaj, MD
Spine Neurosurgeon
Professor & Vice-Chair for International Outreach, Director of Technology, Innovation, and Fellowship Programs, Northwestern University

Bethany O'Connor, MD
Chief Physician and Founder, ReAbility MD

Kelly Scheneman, PsyD
Clinical Psychologist
OC neuroPSYCH

Bryan J. Strople, DPT
Physical Therapist & CEO
Huntington Beach Physical Therapy Specialists

Hasan A. Zaidi, MD
Director, Adult Spinal Deformity and Scoliosis Center, Director, Spine Research at the Computational Neurosurgical Outcomes Center, MassGen Brigham, Associate Professor of Neurosurgery, Harvard Medical School

Hoag Faculty

Karim B. Fahmy, DO
Pain Management, Hoag Center for Pain Management, Hoag Spine Institute

Tim Feldheim, MD
Pain Management, Hoag Center for Pain Management, Hoag Spine Institute

Nathan Han, MD
Neurosurgeon, Hoag Spine Institute
Clinical Assistant Professor, University of California San Francisco

Ryan Nguyen, MD
Pain Management, Hoag Center for Pain Management, Hoag Spine Institute

Matthew J. Reed, MD
Chief of Inpatient Pain and Outpatient Addiction Services, Medical Director, Residential Addiction Treatment
Director of Consultation Liaison Psychiatry

Kunal R. Sinha, MD
Pain Management, Hoag Center for Pain Management, Hoag Spine Institute

Richard Lee, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon, Hoag Orthopedic Institute, Newport Orthopedic Institute

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7 – 8 AM	**Registration and Breakfast**
8 – 8:15 AM	**Welcome and Opening Remarks** Dr. Burak Ozgur
8:15 – 8:45 AM	**Advances in Endoscopic Spine Surgery** Dr. Nathan Han
8:45 – 9:15 AM	**Strategies in Complex Spinal Reconstruction** Dr. Hasan Zaidi
9:15 – 9:45 AM	**Advanced Imaging in Spine Surgery – CT SPECT, Nerve Segmentation** Dr. Muhammad Abd-El-Barr
9:45 – 10:15 AM	**Morning Break and Exhibits**
10:15 – 10:45 AM	**Implementing AI and Robotics in Spine Surgery** Dr. Ali Baaj
10:45 – 11 AM	**Q&A Session**
11 AM – 12 PM	**Panel Case Discussions** Dr. Burak Ozgur, Dr. Richard Lee, Dr. Nathan Han, Dr. Hasan Zaidi, Dr. Ali Baaj and Dr. Muhammad Abd-El-Barr
12 – 1 PM	**Lunch and Exhibits**
1 – 1:15 PM	**Welcome and Opening Remarks** Dr. Aaron Przybysz
1:15 – 1:45 PM	**Risk Stratification and Psychological Care in Spine Surgery and Chronic Pain Management** Dr. Kelly Scheneman
1:45 – 2:15 PM	**Impact of Brain Injury on the Perception of Musculoskeletal Pain** Dr. Bethany O'Connor

2:15 – 2:45 PM	**NaV 1.8 Channel Targeting for Pain and Neuropathy** Dr. Aaron Przybysz
2:45 – 3:15 PM	**Afternoon Break and Exhibits**
3:15 – 3:45 PM	**Pain Management Techniques for Spinal Cord Tumors** Dr. Tim Feldheim
3:45 – 4 PM	**Q&A Session**
4 – 5 PM	**Panel Case Discussions** Dr. Aaron Przybysz, Dr. Bryan Strople, Dr. Karim Fahmy, Dr. Matthew Reed, Dr. Kunal Sinha, and Dr. Ryan Nguyen
5 – 7 PM	**Networking Reception** *Offshore 9 Rooftop Lounge*

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Registration Fees

Early Bird Registration
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MD/DO: **$100**

RN/NP/PA/PT/OT/Fellow: **$50**

Hoag employed RN/NP/PA/PT/OT:
Complimentary registration with $50 refundable deposit

General Registration
valid after July 4, 2026

MD/DO: **$150**

RN/NP/PA/PT/OT/Fellow: **$75**

Hoag employed RN/NP/PA/PT/OT:
Complimentary registration with $50 refundable deposit

Hoag Employees
Hoag Staff should use their Hoag credential sign-in information to register. A **$50 refundable credit card deposit** is required for Hoag staff to secure their registration. Seats are not secured until the deposit has been received.

Cancellations
A 3% administrative fee will apply to all cancellations. Written cancellations will be accepted until Monday, August 3.

Family/Guest Attendance Policy
All conference activities are exclusively reserved for paid conference attendees. Children and family members are not permitted to attend meal functions or permitted in the general session room.