



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.

OT/PT Contact Hours

Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian Physical Therapy Department is recognized as a Continuing Competency Approving Agency by the Physical Therapy Board of California.

Physical Therapists: This program is pending approval for 6.0 Contact Hours (Professional Development Units) for physical therapists.

Occupational Therapists: This program is pending approval for 6.0 Contact Hours (Professional Development Units) for occupational therapists.

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,
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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
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Center

Ali A. Baaj, MD

Spine Neurosurgeon
Professor & Vice-Chair for International
Outreach, Director of Technology, Innovation,
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Bethany O'Connor, MD

Chief Physician and Founder, ReAbility MD

Kelly Scheneman, PsyD

Clinical Psychologist
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Bryan J. Strople, DPT

Physical Therapist & CEO
Huntington Beach Physical Therapy
Specialists

Hasan A. Zaidi, MD

Director, Adult Spinal Deformity and
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at the Computational Neurosurgical
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Associate Professor of Neurosurgery,
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Hoag Faculty

Karim B. Fahmy, DO

Pain Management, Hoag Center for Pain
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Tim Feldheim, MD

Pain Management, Hoag Center for Pain
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Nathan Han, MD

Neurosurgeon, Hoag Spine Institute
Clinical Assistant Professor, University of
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Ryan Nguyen, MD

Pain Management, Hoag Center for Pain
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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
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Richard Lee, MD

Orthopedic Surgeon, Hoag Orthopedic
Institute, Newport Orthopedic Institute

Hoag Spine Symposium Agenda

Saturday, August 15, 2026

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



Registration Information

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Register online at hoag.org/2026spinecme

Registration Fees

Early Bird Registration
valid through July 3, 2026

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.