

MONDAY March 2nd - FRIDAY March 6th, 2026

26th Annual Scientific Conference of the Canadian Spine Society



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The Canadian Spine Society is a collaborative organization of spine surgeons and healthcare professionals with a primary interest in advancing excellence in spine patient care, research and education.



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2026 COURSE OBJECTIVES

The 2026 Canadian Spine Society (CSS) Conference offers an outstanding scientific program while providing an unparalleled opportunity for professional contact with spine specialist from across the country to share ideas, solve problems, exchange proposals and promote innovation. In conjunction with the Canadian Paediatric Spine Society (CPSS), the agenda includes a mixture of didactic presentations, symposia, debates, case studies, panel discussions and a review of the research conducted by the Canadian Spine Outcomes and Research Network (CSORN).

At the completion of the 2026 Canadian Spine Society Annual Scientific Conference, attendees will be able to:

- integrate the knowledge obtained from attending the CSS Scientific Conference.
- participate in the ongoing activities and learning opportunities initiated at the conference.
- summarize the role of endoscopy in spine surgery.
- share the new opportunities for using ultrasound.
- debate the merits of sacroiliac fusion.
- examine the current state of public healthcare in Canada.
- outline the options for treating cervical spinal deformity.
- discuss the approaches the treating spinal metastases.
- identify the barriers to gender equality in spine surgery training.
- promote the new Royal College Area of Focused Competence in spine surgery.
- list the common problems encountered in opening a spine practice.
- recognize the importance of national Canadian spine registry.

REGISTRATION / INFORMATION DESK - VAN HORNE FOYER

PLENARY SESSIONS / SYMPOSIA / DEBATES: Van Horne A EXHIBITS / BREAKS: Van Horne BC

ePoster GALLERY: Open 0700-2100 Daily - Van Horne Foyer

PROGRAM

1800 – 2100

MONDAY March 2

Welcome Reception, Exhibits and Registration

LOCATION **Van Horne A/BC / Van Horne Foyer**

PROGRAM

TUESDAY March 3

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- 0700 – 0830 Registration, Exhibits and Hot Breakfast
- 0730 – 1030 **CSS PODIUM PRESENTATIONS PART I: Lumber Degenerative, Socioeconomic, Other #A1-#A21**
- 1030 – 1100 Exhibits & Coffee LOCATION **Van Horne BC**
- 1100 – 1230 **SYMPOSIUM #1: Spinal Endoscopy: Current State, Challenges and the Future (CSS)**
Moderator: Dr. Charlotte Dandurand, Dr. Newton Pimenta
Panel: Dr. Ramon Guerra Barbosa, Dr. Christoph Hofstetter
Dr. Philippe Phan, Dr. Michael Yang
- 1230 – 1330 Lunch & Exhibits LOCATION **Van Horne BC**
1245 – 1330 Industry Hosted Lunch Session LOCATION **DC Coleman**
- 1330 – 1500 **Afternoon Session - OPTION #1: Starting Your Spine Practice For Residents and Fellows**
Leads: Dr. Jetan Badhiwhala, Dr. Tiffany Lung, Dr. James McDonald
LOCATION **Baron Shaughnessy**
- 1330 – 1500 **Afternoon Session - OPTION #2: Rehabilitation in Thoraco-Lumbar Fracture For Physio and Allied Health Professionals**
Leads: Dr. Michael Bond, Marcia Correale, Dr. Elsayed Kandil
LOCATION **Sir Edward Beatty**
- 1500 – 1700 Afternoon Coffee, Snacks & Exhibits LOCATION **Van Horne BC**
- 1515 – 1630 **Spine Program Directors Meeting** – Dr. Brad Jacobs LOCATION **Van Horne A**
1630 – 1730 **Fellowship Fair** LOCATION **Van Horne A**
- 1730 – 2000 **Women in Spine Event (WISE) Session & Dinner** LOCATION **Norquay**
For Female Spine Surgeons **Leads:** Dr. Supriya Singh, Dr. Melissa Nadeau
Guest Speaker: Dr. Indira V. Samarasekera

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WEDNESDAY March 4

- 0700 – 0830 Registration, Exhibits and Hot Breakfast
- 0715 – 0930 **CSS PODIUM PRESENTATIONS PART II: Cervical Degenerative, Other #B22-#B36**
- 0930 – 1030 **GUEST LECTURE: Ars videndi** Dr. Christoph P. Hofstetter
- 1030 – 1100 Coffee & Exhibits LOCATION **Van Horne BC**
- 1100 – 1230 **SYMPOSIUM #2: Disorders of the Dura (CSS)**
Moderator: Dr. Alysa Almojuela, Dr. Perry Dhaliwal
Panel: Dr. Jacob Alant, Dr. Charlotte Dandurand,
Dr. Stephen Duplessis, Dr. Owen Stechishin,

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WEDNESDAY March 4

- 1230 – 1330 Lunch & Exhibits LOCATION **Van Horne BC**
1245 – 1330 Industry Hosted Lunch Session LOCATION **DC Coleman**
- 1300 – 1500 **Quebec Surgeon's Group** LOCATION **Sir Edward Beatty**
- 1330 – 1445 **Canadian Spine Research & Education Fund (CSREF) Executive Meeting**
LOCATION **NR Crump**
- 1330 – 1500 **Hosted by Praxis: Time is Spine Workshop: Improving Time to Decompression**
LOCATION **Theatre**
- 1500 – 1800 Afternoon Coffee, Snacks & Exhibits LOCATION **Van Horne BC**
- 1500 – 1600 **CASE BASED DISCUSSIONS - Complications Management: My Worst Nightmare** LOCATION **Van Horne A**
Panel: Dr. Oliver Ayling, Dr. Ken Thomas, Dr. Eve Tsai
- 1600 – 1645 **CSS PODIUM PRESENTATIONS PART III: Deformity, Non-surgical Management #C37-#C41**
- 1645 – 1730 **THE GREAT DEBATE #1: Sacroiliac Joint Fusion: SIJ fusion in the Context of Deformity Correction** Moderator: Dr. Jean-Christophe Murray
Dr. Robert Ravinsky (PRO) vs. Dr. John Street (CON)

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FREE EVENING / INDUSTRY NIGHT

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THURSDAY March 5

- 0700 – 0800 Registration, Exhibits and Hot Breakfast
LOCATION **Van Horne BC, Baron Shaughnessy**
- 0800 – 0930 **CASE BASED DISCUSSIONS - Metastatic Spine Disease**
For Fellows & Residents
Panel: Dr. Raphaële Charest-Morin, Dr. Mathieu Laflamme,
Dr. Peter Lewkonia LOCATION **Van Horne A**
- 0930 – 0955 Coffee & Exhibits LOCATION **Van Horne BC, Baron Shaughnessy**
- 0955 – 1115 **CSS PODIUM PRESENTATIONS PART IV: Lumbar Degenerative / Trauma / SCI, Oncology #D42-#D51**
- 1115 – 1245 **SYMPOSIUM #3: Managing Cervical Deformity (CSS / CPSS)**
Moderator: Dr. Vivien Chan
Panel: Dr. Tamir Ailon, Dr. Christopher Nielsen, Dr. Jean Ouellet,
Dr. Ganesh Swamy, Dr. Zhi Wang
- 1245 – 1345 Lunch & Exhibits LOCATION **Van Horne BC, Baron Shaughnessy**
1300 – 1345 Industry Hosted Lunch Session LOCATION **DC Coleman**
- 1345 – 1515 **CSS/CPSS PODIUM PRESENTATIONS PART V: Adult Deformity #E52-#E56, Paediatric Deformity #F57-#F62**
- 1515 – 1630 Afternoon Coffee, Snacks & Exhibits LOCATION **Van Horne BC**
- 1515 – 1600 **THE GREAT DEBATE #2: Should people be able to pay for their spine surgery outside of publicly funded health care?** Moderator: Dr. Charles Fisher
Dr. Brian Day (YES) vs Dr. Braden Manns (NO)
- 1600 – 1730 CSS Executive Meeting LOCATION **Sir Edward Beatty**

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1800 – 1915

Cocktail Reception & ExhibitsLOCATION **Van Horne BC / Van Horne Foyer / Baron Shaughnessy**

1915 – 2130

Presidential Banquet, Speeches, Award PresentationsLOCATION **Van Horne A**

2130 – 2400

CSREF Annual ThrowBack FundraiserLOCATION **Van Horne A**

MAIN CSS CONFERENCE ADJOURNS

**Canadian Spine Outcomes and Research Network (CSORN) Sessions**

LEADS: Dr. Y. Raja Rampersaud, Dr. Jennifer Urquhart

LOCATION **DC Coleman** *by invitation onlywww.csorncss.ca

- 0745 – 0915 **Hot Breakfast & Mini Exhibit Show** LOCATION **Baron Shaughnessy**
 0815 – 0945 CSORN Coordinators Session LEAD: Eden Richardson
 0945 – 1015 **Coffee Break & Mini Exhibit Show**
 1000 – 1230 CSORN Main Session Part I
 1230 – 1315 **Lunch & Mini Exhibit Show**
 1315 – 1445 CSORN Main Session Part II

0700 – 1300

Canadian Paediatric Spine Society (CPSS) Sessions

LEAD: Dr. Stefan Parent

LOCATION **Sir Edward Beatty**

- 0700 – 0750 **Hot Breakfast & Mini Exhibit Show** LOCATION **Baron Shaughnessy**
 0750 – 0820 CPSS Session Part I
 0820 – 0910 CPSS PODIUM PRESENTATIONS: Paediatric Deformity #G63-#G68
 0915 – 1015 CPSS SYMPOSIUM Part I: Management of Early Onset Scoliosis
Moderators: Dr. Jean Ouellet, Dr. Stefan Parent
Panel: Dr. Mathieu Boulet, Dr. Kevin Smit, Dr. Andrew Tice
 1015 – 1045 **Coffee Break & Mini Exhibit Show**
 1045 – 1130 CPSS SYMPOSIUM Part II: Case Discussions
 1130 – 1230 **Lunch & Mini Exhibit Show**
 1200 – 1230 Industry Hosted Lunch Session LOCATION **Sir Edward Beatty**
 1230 – 1235 Group Photo
 1235 – 1300 CPSS Session Part II – Research Initiative - PSSG

