

Scientific Program

Day 0: May 6th 2026, Wednesday

TIME	TOPIC	FACULTY
08:00-18:00	Registration and claiming of course kits	
14:00	Hotel check-in Free afternoon and evening	

Day 1: May 7th 2026, Thursday

07:30-10:15 Morning Session 1: Epilepsy Surgery Part 1

Chair Ronnie Baticulon

TIME	TOPIC	FACULTY
07:30-08:15	Orientation and Welcome Introduction of Faculty and Participants	Ronnie Baticulon Sharon Low Meng-Fai Kuo Belle Alcarde (AFN)
08:15-08:30	Principles of Patient Selection in Pediatric Epilepsy Surgery	Wirginia Maixner
08:30-08:45	Common Seizure Semiologies	Karen Mabilangan
08:45-09:00	Radiological Investigation in Children with Epilepsy: What to Look For and What to Ask the Radiologist	Kish Mankad <i>Recorded Lecture</i>
09:00-09:15	EEG, ECOG, Stereo EEG: What a Neurosurgeon Needs to Know	Robert Chen
09:15-09:30	Cortical Stimulation and Awake Craniotomy in Children	Sandi Lam
09:30-09:45	Focal Cortical Dysplasia: Decision-making and Principles of Surgery	Alison Wray
09:45-10:00	Hypothalamic Hamartoma: Decision-making and Surgical Treatment (including LITT)	Wirginia Maixner
10:00-10:15	Tuberous Sclerosis: Decision-making and Principles of Surgery	Nunthasiri Wittayanakorn
10:15-10:45	Coffee Break	

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10:45-13:00 Morning Session 2: Epilepsy Surgery Part 2
Chair Wirginia Maixner

TIME	TOPIC	FACULTY
10:45-11:30	Cases for Discussion Lesional Epilepsy Surgery	Presenter: Wirginia Maixner Panel: Suchanda Bhattacharjee Robert Chen Sandi Lam Nunthasiri Wittayanakorn Karen Mabilangan
11:30-11:50	Temporal Lobe Epilepsy: Pathology, Decision-making, and Principles of Surgery	Robert Chen
11:50-12:00	Sturge Weber Syndrome: Decision-making and Principles of Surgery	Sandi Lam
12:00-12:10	Rasmussen Encephalitis: Decision-making and Principles of Surgery	Suchanda Bhattacharjee
12:10-12:25	Hemimegalencephaly: Decision-making and Principles of Surgery	Robert Chen
12:25-12:50	Disconnective Surgery in Children: Principles, Techniques, Complication Avoidance	Wirginia Maixner
12:50-13:00	Advances in Pediatric Epilepsy Surgery: Current Evidence	Nunthasiri Wittayanakorn
13:00-14:00	Lunch Symposium: Medtronic	

14:00-15:30 Afternoon Session 1: Epilepsy Surgery Part 3
Chair Suchanda Bhattacharjee

TIME	TOPIC	FACULTY
14:00-14:10	Vagus Nerve Stimulation: Principles, Surgical Technique, Results, and Complications	Alison Wray
14:10-14:25	How I do it: Temporal Lobectomy	Ronnie Baticulon
14:25-14:35	How I do it: Corpus Callosotomy	Nunthasiri Wittayanakorn
14:35-14:45	How I do it: Hemispherotomy and Hemispherectomy	Sandi Lam

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14:45-15:30	Cases for Discussion Catastrophic Epilepsy	Presenter: Suchanda Bhattacharjee Panel: Robert Chen Sandi Lam Nunthasiri Wittayanakorn Alison Wray Karen Mabilangan
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break / Mentoring Session	

16:00-18:30 Afternoon Session 2: Surgery for Movement Disorders
Chair Ji-Yeoun Lee

TIME	TOPIC	FACULTY
16:00-16:10	History Taking and Neurologic Examination of the Child with Spasticity: What a Neurosurgeon Needs to Know	Philipp Aldana
16:10-16:30	Decision Making in a Child with Spasticity: Medical and Surgical Management, Long-term Outcome	Ji-Yeoun Lee
16:30-16:50	Rhizotomy (Cauda Equina Approach): How I do it, Results, Complications	Xiao Bo
16:50-17:10	Rhizotomy (Conus Medullaris Approach): How I do it, Results, Complications	Nobuhito Morota
17:10-17:30	Baclofen Pumps: How I do it, Results, Complications	Alison Wray
17:30-17:45	Dystonia and DBS: Principles and Patient Selection	Alison Wray
17:45-18:30	Cases for Discussion: Spasticity	Presenter: Ji Yeoun Lee Panel: Philipp Aldana Xiao Bo Nobuhito Morota Alison Wray
19:00-22:00	Welcome Dinner: Rizal Park Hotel Ballroom AASPN Course 2026 Group Photo	

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Day 2: May 8th 2026, Friday

TIME	TOPIC		FACULTY
07:30	Bus pick-up at Rizal Park Hotel Lobby		
08:00-11:00	Guided Walking Tour of Luneta and Intramuros		
11:00-12:00	Transport to Hands-on Workshop		
12:00-13:00	Lunch Symposium Special Lecture: Research in Pediatric Neurosurgery		Jay Riva-Cambrin
13:00-14:00	Groups A&B: Dorsal Rhizotomy Briefing		AASPN Faculty
14:00-16:00	Group A: Dorsal Rhizotomy Hands-on	Group B: Video Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced Techniques in Neuro-Oncology Intraoperative Adjuncts and Neuromonitoring 	AASPN Faculty
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break		
16:30-18:30	Group A: Video Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced Techniques in Neuro-Oncology Intraoperative Adjuncts and Neuromonitoring 	Group B: Dorsal Rhizotomy Hands-on	AASPN Faculty
18:30	Transport to Hotel: Meet at UP College of Medicine Free Evening		

Day 3: May 9th 2026, Saturday

08:00-10:30 Morning Session 1: Hemispheric Tumors
Chair Sharon Low

TIME	TOPIC	FACULTY
08:00-08:20	Updates on the Molecular Classification of CNS Tumors in Children: What a Neurosurgeon Needs to Know	Enrica Tan
08:20-08:40	Hemispheric Tumors: Pathology and Management	Kaushik Sil

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08:40-09:00	Lateral Ventricle Tumors: Pathology and Management	Jay Riva-Cambrin
09:00-09:30	Cases for Discussion: Hemispheric and Lateral Ventricle Tumors (including SEGA)	Presenter: Sharon Low Panel: Michael Dewan Meng-Fai Kuo Kaushik Sil Nqobile Thango
09:30-09:45	Thalamic Tumors: When to Operate and How I Do It	Ronnie Baticulon
09:45-10:00	Insular Tumors: When to Operate and How I Do It	Wirginia Maixner
10:00-10:30	Cases for Discussion: Thalamic and Insular Tumors	Presenter: Kaushik Sil Panel: Michael Dewan Meng-Fai Kuo Wirginia Maixner Nqobile Thango
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break	

11:00-13:00 Morning Session 2: Suprasellar Tumors
Chair Alison Wray

TIME	TOPIC	FACULTY
11:00-11:10	Optic Nerve and Optic Pathway Tumors	Sharon Low
11:10-11:20	Advances in the Treatment of Optic Pathway/Hypothalamic Gliomas	Enrica Tan
11:20-11:40	Treatment Strategies for Craniopharyngioma	Nobuhito Morota
11:40-11:50	Pituitary Tumors in Children	Shih-Hung Yang
11:50-12:00	How I do it: Endoscopic Approach	Philipp Aldana
12:00-12:10	How I do it: Subfrontal Approach	Meng-Fai Kuo
12:10-12:20	How I do It: Pterional Approach	Michael Dewan
12:20-12:30	How I do it: Interhemispheric and Transcortical Approaches	Nqobile Thango

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12:30-13:00	Cases for Discussion: Optic Pathway Tumors Craniopharyngioma & Recurrent craniopharyngioma	Presenter: Mirna Sobana Panel: Philipp Aldana Seow Wan Tew Alison Wray Shih-Hung Yang
13:00-14:00	Lunch Symposium: Integra	

14:00-15:45 Afternoon Session 1: Posterior Fossa Tumors Part 1
Chair Kaushik Sil

TIME	TOPIC	FACULTY
14:00-14:15	Medulloblastoma	Sharon Low
14:15-14:30	Ependymoma	Michael Dewan
14:30-14:45	Pilocytic Astrocytoma and other Low-grade Gliomas	Nqobile Thango
14:45-15:00	ATRT and other Rare Tumors in the Posterior Fossa	Sharon Low
15:00-15:15	Brainstem Tumors in Children: When to Operate	Seow Wan Tew
15:15-15:30	Chordomas	Shih-Hung Yang
15:30-15:45	Advances in the Treatment of Medulloblastoma, Ependymoma, ATRT	Enrica Tan
15:45-16:15	Coffee Break / Mentoring Session	

16:15-18:30 Afternoon Session 2: Posterior Fossa Tumors Part 2
Chair Michael Dewan

TIME	TOPIC	FACULTY
16:15-16:30	How I do it: Brainstem mapping	Nobuhito Morota
16:30-16:50	How I do it: Midline approaches to posterior fossa tumors	Meng Fai Kuo
16:50-17:10	How I do it: Lateral approaches to posterior fossa tumors	Philipp Aldana
17:10-17:30	How I do it: Biopsy and resection for brainstem tumors	Michael Dewan

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17:30-17:50	Complications of Posterior Fossa Tumors: Hydrocephalus, Cerebellar Mutism, Posterior Fossa Syndrome	Jay Riva-Cambrin
17:50-18:30	Cases for Discussion Posterior Fossa Tumors Second Look Surgery	Presenter: Michael Dewan Panel: Ronnie Baticulon Jay Riva-Cambrin Mirna Sobana Nqobile Thango
19:00-22:00	Networking Dinner: Rizal Park Hotel Ballroom	

Day 4: May 10th 2026, Sunday

08:00-10:00 Morning Session 1: Pineal Region Tumors
Moderator Meng-Fai Kuo

TIME	TOPIC	FACULTY
08:00-08:10	Tectal Plate Gliomas: Management and Outcome	Kazuaki Shimoji
08:10-08:30	Decision-making and Treatment of Pineal Region Tumors: Germinomas and Nongerminomatous Germ Cell Tumors	Meng-Fai Kuo
08:30-08:45	Advances in the Treatment of Germ Cell Tumors	Enrica Tan
08:45-09:00	Endoscopy and Pineal Region Lesions: Strategies and Complications	Jay Riva-Cambrin
09:00-09:15	Occipital Transtentorial Approach: How I do it, Results, Complications	Ronnie Baticulon
09:15-09:30	Supracerebellar Infratentorial Approach: How I do it, Results, Complications	Seow Wan Tew
09:30-10:00	Cases for Discussion Pineal region tumors	Presenter: Shih-Hung Yang Panel: Robert Chen Nobuhito Morota Seow Wan Tew Nqobile Thango
10:00-10:30	Coffee Break	

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10:30-12:30 Morning Session 2: Spine and Spinal Cord Tumors
Chair Nunthasiri Wittayanakorn

TIME	TOPIC	FACULTY
10:30-10:50	Tumors of the Spine and Spinal Cord: Pathology and Principles of Treatment	Kaushik Sil
10:50-11:00	Spine Tumors in Neurofibromatosis	Shih-Hung Yang
11:00-11:10	Neuromonitoring for Tumors of the Spine	Xiao Bo
11:10-11:30	Tumors of the Spine: How I do it	Kaushik Sil
11:30-11:50	Spinal Cord Tumors: How I do it	Nqobile Thango
11:50-12:30	Cases of Discussion Spine and spinal cord tumors	Presenter: Meng-Fai Kuo Panel: Xiao Bo Sharon Low Kaushik Sil Shih-Hung Yang
12:30-14:00	Lunch Evaluation and Closing Program Awarding of Certificates of Participation	

Note: Hotel check-out is at 12:00. Participants are advised to bring their luggage after breakfast or during the coffee break. Express check-out will be available at the Ballroom, provided there are no room charges.