

2026 ASCIP Annual Conference

Sunday September 6, 2026

(Draft - Working Agenda)

7:30 AM – 6:00 PM	Registration			
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Governance Board Meeting (Venezia Garden Salon)			
Pre-Conference Program				
	Imperial A/B	Craig H. Neilsen Hospital	Imperial C	Imperial D
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Advanced Strategies in Spasticity Management 3326 Integrated Spasticity Care in Spinal Cord Injury: Timing, Treatment, and Neuroplasticity Across the Continuum” R KORUPOLU (4 hours)	Essential Skills for Tracheostomy Care in Tetraplegia 3405 The Terrifying Trached Tetraplegic: Practical Skills for Caring for Individuals With Tetraplegia, An Interdisciplinary Training Workshop for Healthcare Providers (Part I) N HALE-LARSEN (4 hours)		
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM				
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch on Your Own			
	Imperial A/B	Craig H. Neilsen Hospital	Imperial C	Imperial D
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Surgical & Rehab Innovations for the Upper Extremity 3436 Upper Extremity Reconstruction in Tetraplegia B SNIDER (4 hours)	Essential Skills for Tracheostomy Care in Tetraplegia (Cont'd) The Terrifying Trached Tetraplegic: Practical Skills for Caring for Individuals With Tetraplegia, An Interdisciplinary Training Workshop for Healthcare Providers (Part II) Interdisciplinary Tour	Clinical Foundations in Spinal Cord Injury 3395 Foundational Skills in Spinal Cord Injury Rehab J WALKER (2 hours, 1-3 pm)	Professional Development & Career Navigation 3351 Early Career and Trainee Workshop: Job Search, Curriculum Vitae Development, and Negotiation Skills in Spinal Cord Injury Care G GRIGOROPOULOS (2 hours, 3-5 pm)
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM			A Practical Framework for Progressive Strengthening After Spinal Cord Injury A RUPPEL (2 hours, 3-5 pm)	
5:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Section Board Meetings			
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Welcome Reception (Garden Courtyard)			

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7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Breakfast (Conference Foyer)			
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration			
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	First Time Attendee & New Member Breakfast (Venezia Garden Salon)			
7:30 AM - 7:45 AM	Moderator Meeting (TBD)			
8:00 AM – 8:25 AM	Welcome Announcements Awards Neilsen Gater (Imperial A/B)			
8:25 AM – 9:25 AM	KEYNOTE (Imperial A/B) Jen French			
9:25 AM – 9:30 AM	Break			
	Imperial A/B	Imperial C	Imperial D	
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Donald Munro Award Lecture (APS)/APS Awards 3479 Technology-Driven Solutions: Improving Health and Wellness for Veterans With SCI H TOUCHETT (60 minutes)	Bridging the Post-Discharge Follow-Up Gap 3432 Closing the Post-Discharge Follow-Up Gap in Spinal Cord Injury A RUPPEL (60 minutes)		
10:30 AM – 10:35 AM				
10:35 AM – 11:35 AM	Audrey Nelson Award Lecture (SCIN)/SCIN awards 3479 Technology-Driven Solutions: Improving Health and Wellness for Veterans With SCI H TOUCHETT (60 minutes)	Veteran Perspectives on Vocational Rehabilitation 3347 Pulling Back the Curtain: Veteran Insights on Vocational Care in SCI Rehab L OTTOMANELLI, B MCCOY, B HAHM, A INGRAM, L DIRK, (60 minutes)		
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	Quantum Lunch & Learn (Grand A)			
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Essie Morgan Award Lecture (PSWC)/PSWC awards 3480 Spinal Cord Injury and Mental Health: Lessons Learned and Considerations for The Future H AMES (60 minutes)	Neurology: Ask the Urologist 3333 Ask the Urologist- Hot Topics and Practical Learning in Neurourology S LENHERR, M KENNELLY (60 minutes)		
2:00 PM – 2:05 PM	Break			
2:05 PM – 3:05 PM	TLC Distinguished Lecture Award 3344 Evidence-Guided Spinal Cord Injury Neuromodulation: Patient Selection, Targeting, and Outcomes M GILL (60 minutes)	Peer Health Coaching for SCI 3309 Beyond Traditional Peer Support: Implementing a Unique Peer Health Coaching Model for SCI K KOLSTAD (60 minutes)		
3:05 PM – 3:20 PM	Break			

	Imperial A/B	Grand A	Grand D	Imperial C	Imperial D
	Under Pressure: Managing Respiratory, GI, & Blood Pressure Complications 3423 Late-Onset Respiratory Failure In Individuals with Chronic Spinal Cord Injury M GILLUM (15 minutes) 3356 Associations Between Blood Pressure Dysregulation and Health-Related Quality of Life in People with Spinal Cord Injury J WECHT (15 minutes) 3419 Use of medium volume bowel preparation in patients with spinal cord injury undergoing colonoscopy C CHUANG (15 minutes) 3386 Frequencies of US Veterans with Spinal Cord Injuries and Disorders Having Blood-Pressure-Related Emergency Department Visits R WILLENBERG (15 minutes)	Level Up: Revolutionizing Rehab with 3D Printing & Adaptive Gaming 3359 Leveling the Playing Field: Current Tools and Latest Updates in Adaptive Video Gaming For SCI/D D REDEPENNING (30 minutes) 3444 Simple Solutions Through 3D Printing M GARDNER (30 minutes)	Community Access and Social Connections Ernest Bors Award Presence of Midsagittal Tissue Bridges and Walking Ability 1-year Post Spinal Cord Injury W THORNTON (15 minutes) 3404 Role of physician practice focus and practice location on access to spinal cord injury care S SABHARWAL (15 minutes) 3341 Continued implementation of a community-driven assessment for sidewalk accessibility in a New Jersey town. K MANSURIA (15 minutes) 3424 Social networks redefined among individuals living with a spinal cord injury or disease J PIATT (15 minutes)	The Human Connection: Navigating Violence, Wellbeing, & Injustice 3406 Interpersonal Violence Against People with Spinal Cord Injury: Preliminary Results of a National Survey Study S ROBINSON-WHELEN (15 minutes) 3421 The Wide Divide: Understanding Extreme Injustice Appraisal Phenotypes in Newly Acquired Spinal Cord Injury A HANKS (15 minutes) 3342 Shared and Unique Predictors of Depressive Symptoms and Wellbeing Among Adults with Spinal Cord Injury M BHATTARAI (15 minutes) 3374 Treatment Burden and Quality of Life in Patients with Spinal Cord Injury J JARAMILLO (15 minutes)	Parenting with Spinal Cord Injury 3354 The Parenting Paradox after Spinal Cord Injury: Physical and Psychosocial Challenges M NUTKOWITZ (60 minutes)
3:20 PM – 4:20 PM					
4:20 PM – 4:25 PM	Break				
	Imperial A/B	Grand A	Grand D	Imperial C	Imperial D
	Smart Space, Safe Space: Implementing Tech from Hospital to Home 3312 From Smart Hospital Room to Smart Home: Preserving Independence after Discharge J GARDNER (30 minutes) 3310 Smart Tech at the Bedside: Clinician and Patient Perspectives Regarding Mainstream Technology Implementation in Inpatient Rehabilitation K STAUFFER (15 minutes) 3360 Ownership, Benefit, and Barriers to use Of Mainstream Smart Home Technologies Among Individuals With SCI/D D REDEPENNING (15 minutes)	The Future of Care: Redefining Standards and Goal-Setting in Rehab 3409 Redefining Rehabilitation: A National Initiative to Standardize Access, Quality Indicators, and Length of Stay Justification A CHESNEY (30 minutes) 3320 Reclaiming What Matters: Translating Values Into Meaningful Rehabilitation Goals J FARRAR (30 minutes)	AI Assistants for SCI/D 3328 General AI Assistants for Spinal Cord Injury/Disease: Understanding and Supporting Patient Use Z HUANG (60 minutes)	Upper Extremity Spasticity Surgery 3439 Surgical Management of Upper Extremity Spasticity B SNIDER (60 minutes)	Adolescent Independence: Summer Intensive Rehab 3434 Beyond the Acute Phase: Growing Into Independence Through an Adolescent Summer Intensive Rehabilitation Model C CALLAHAN (60 minutes)
4:25 PM – 5:25 PM					
6:15 PM – 8:15 PM	Craig H. Neilsen Rehabilitation Hospital Tour **				
Day 2 Tuesday September 8, 2026					
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Breakfast in Exhibit Hall (Grand B/C)				
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	SCIN Meet and Greet (Bring your breakfast) (Venezia Garden Salon)				
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration				
7:15 AM – 8:00 AM	APC Meeting (Venezia Garden Salon)				
7:30 AM - 7:45 AM	Moderator Meeting (TBD)				
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Point-Counterpoint (Imperial A/B)				
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Break				
	Imperial A/B	Imperial C	Imperial D		
9:15 AM – 10:15 AM	Anthony DeMarco Award Lecture	Funding Innovation in Spinal Cord Injury 3345 From Clinic to Capital: Empowering Spinal Cord Injury Professionals to Fund Innovation M GILL (60 minutes)	Innovation in Adaptive Sports Seating 3441 Adaptive Sports Seating: Creative Solutions for Athletes with SCI/D K BETZ (60 minutes)		
10:15 AM – 10:20 AM	Break				

10:20 AM – 11:20 AM	2026 Innovation Lab ATOM YOUNG (60 minutes)			Home Front: Optimizing Transitions and Quality of Life for Veterans 3375 US Veterans with SCI/D: Characteristics Associated with SCI/D Home Care Utilization E QUINONES (15 minutes) 3367 US Veterans With SCI/D: Associations with Living at Home or in Long Term Care Settings J SIPPEL (15 minutes) 3383 Depression and Living Setting In US Veterans With SCI/D B SMITH (15 minutes) 3332 Characteristics of Veterans With New Onset Spinal Cord Injury Due to Violence-Related Etiologies J SVIREV (15 minutes)	
11:20 AM – 11:30 AM	Break				
	Imperial A/B	Grand A	Grand D	Imperial C	Imperial D
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Rising Up: The Science of Exoskeletons & Upright Mobility 3475 Self-Balancing Exoskeleton Clinical Trial For Personal-Use In High Neurological Spinal Cord Injury (SCI): Primary Outcomes A SPUNGEN (15 minutes) 3468 Self-Balancing Exoskeleton Clinical Trial for Personal-Use In High Neurological Spinal Cord Injury (SCI): Secondary Outcomes A SPUNGEN (15 minutes) 3418 START Standing/Walking: Implementation of an Aggressive Upright Mobility Program During Inpatient Rehabilitation D ARNOLD (30 minutes)	Developing & Evaluating Clinical Care Standards 3388 Consortium for Spinal Cord Medicine Clinical Practice Guidelines: A Review of Methodology, Quality and Effectiveness P GORMAN (60 minutes)	The Intersection of Oncology & Spinal Cord Injury 3305 Rehabilitation Considerations for the Oncological Spinal Cord Injury M STEWART (60 minutes)	Psychological Foundations for Intrathecal Baclofen Therapy 3308 Psychological Evaluation in Intrathecal Baclofen Candidacy: Enhancing Readiness, Equity, and Long-Term Outcomes J FARRAR, K PARK, R SHINGLETON (60 minutes)	Measuring Excellence: Quality Improvement Strategies 3408 Building from the Bones Up: The Art of Creating an Inpatient Interdisciplinary Quality Improvement Committee K THOMAS (30 minutes) 3399 Optimizing Therapy Participation in SCI Rehabilitation: Review of the Science C BOMBARDIER (30 minutes)
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch in Exhibit Hall (Grand B/C)				
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	SCI Medicine Fellowship - Program Directors Meeting (Venezia Garden Salon)			Fellowship Q&A - SCI Trainees (Imperial C)	
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	James J Peters Award Lecture (Imperial A/B) James J Peters Lecture (Title TBD) MIKE KENNELLY (60 mins)				
3:00 PM – 3:05 PM	Break				
	Imperial A/B	Grand A	Grand D	Imperial C	Imperial D
3:05 PM – 4:05 PM	Annual Review of Top Spinal Cord Injury Research 3430 What's Hot in Spinal Cord Injury Care: Key Articles and Updates from the Past Year S SABHARWAL (60 minutes)	Rehab Redefined: New Frontiers in Therapy and Fitness 3431 Wheelchair Foot Positioning: Perspectives from Wheelchair Users With Spinal Cord Injury, Caregivers, and Seating Specialists. K HENZEL (15 minutes) 3322 Blood Flow-Restricted Training to Improve Muscle Strength and Function in Adults with Spinal Cord Injury S WAID (15 minutes) 3455 Adaptive Rowing Technology: Whole-Body Exercise for People with Spinal Cord Injury L LOMBARDO (15 minutes) 3315 Is There an Optimal Dosing Frequency for Exoskeleton Training? Factors Influencing Delivery Across Rehabilitation Settings DANNAE ARNOLD (15 minutes)	Beyond the Clinic: Social Media, Peer Support, & Long-Term Success 3420 "It Was Just Too Soon:" Readiness for Peer Support after Spinal Cord Injury. S NEWMAN (15 minutes) 3307 "What's the impact?"—Measuring the Effectiveness of Social Media A HAMBLETON (15 minutes) 3401 Improving Long-Term Outcomes for Individuals with Spinal Cord Injury Through Lived Experience and Practical Resource Integration J STRACHAM (30 minutes)	Advanced Neuromodulation Strategies 3373 *No Patient Left Behind: A Case-Based Approach to Advanced Electrical Stimulation for Special Populations D ECK (60 minutes)	Speech & Airway Management 3348 Breathing, Speaking, and Weaning: Speech and Respiratory Care in Patients with Spinal Cord Injuries B AFRAGOLA (60 minutes)

4:05 PM – 4:15 PM	Break				
4:15 PM – 5:15 PM	Imperial A/B	Grand A	Grand D	Imperial C	Imperial D
	By the Books: Mastering CPGs and Clinical Accuracy for SCI	Closing the Gap: Fall Detection and the Path to Re-Employment	The Ethics of Choosing to Hasten Death	Nuances in ALS Pathogenesis	Advocacy as a Scholarly Catalyst
	3384 National Survey on the Clinical Practice Guideline Utilization for the Care of Spinal Cord Injuries N NAIR (15 minutes)	3343 Stakeholder-Driven Development of a Fall Detection System for People Who Use Wheelchairs and Scooters L RICE (15 minutes)	3368 Hastening Death by Voluntarily Stopping Eating and Drinking: Legal, Ethical, and Staff Perspectives M BUDD (60 minutes (1 Ethics CEU))	3353 Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis: Making Headway of Heterogeneity M NUTKOWITZ (60 minutes)	3394 From Activism To Academia: Leveraging ASCIP Advocacy for Scholarly Advancement E CLAMMAICHELLA (60 minutes)
	3362 Expedited International Standards for Neurological Classification of Spinal Cord Injury: Accuracy for Classifying Non-Traumatic Injuries S BURNS (15 minutes)	3377 Independent Horizons: A Medical Equipment Loan Program to Facilitate Transitions Home after Spinal Cord Injury S WAID (15 minutes)			
	3443 Colonoscopy Findings and Periprocedural Risks in Veterans with Spinal Cord Injury or Multiple Sclerosis A GUPTA (15 minutes)	3457 From Hospital to Workforce: Collaboration Between Vocational Rehabilitation and Occupational Therapy in Spinal Injury Rehabilitation. A DE SIMONE LAMPMAN (30 minutes)			
	3422 Utilization of Emergency Room and Hospitalization During the First Year After Initial Rehabilitation Discharge from a VA Spinal Cord Injury Center S CAI (15 minutes)				
5:15 PM – 7:00 PM	Posters and Exhibit Hall Reception (Grand B/C)				
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	ECATS Meet and Greet (Off-Site)				
Day 3 Wednesday September 9, 2026					
6:45 AM – 8:15 AM	Breakfast in Exhibit Hall (Grand B/C)				
6:50 AM – 7:50 AM	Salt Lake City ASCIP Talk, Walk & Roll With Experts - Topics TBD				
7:30 AM - 7:45 AM	Moderator Meeting (TBD)				
7:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Registration				
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	Business Meeting (Imperial A/B) Academy Award Presentations for ASCIP Leadership, Becky Adcock, Research, & IDEA				
8:45 AM – 8:50 AM	Break				
8:50 AM – 9:50 AM	Jayanthi Charitable Foundation Lecture (Imperial A/B) 3402 Advancing Vagus Nerve Stimulation: Paired Rehabilitation in Cervical Spinal Cord Injury: From Implantable VNS To Closed-Loop Non-Invasive TaVNS R KORUPOLU (60 minutes)				
9:50 AM – 9:55 AM	Break				
9:55 AM – 10:55 AM	Imperial A/B	Grand A	Grand D	Imperial C	Imperial D
	Collaborative Adaptive Sports Fitting	Rest & Resilience: Supporting Caregivers and Managing Sleep Health		Navigating Mobility Technology Choices	Complex ISNCSCI Cases
	3357 Gearing Up Together: An Interdisciplinary Team Approach for Providing Adaptive Sports Equipment K DECINA (60 minutes)	3378 From Burnout to Balance: Smart Tech Solutions for SCI/D Care Partners J NICOLA (30 minutes)		3435 *Standing at Crossroads: Shared Decision Making for Supported Standing and Exoskeletons in Spinal Cord Injury K CEZAT (60 minutes)	3438 Challenging ISNCSCI Concepts and Cases B SNIDER (60 minutes)
		3335 The Therapist's Guide to Sleep Disordered Breathing in SCI: Screening, Interpretation, and Management D ECK (30 minutes)			
10:55 AM – 11:00 AM	Break				
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Imperial A/B	Grand A	Grand D	Imperial C	Imperial D
	The Empowered Patient: Real-Time Feedback Loops and Sexual Health	Non-Invasive Spinal Stimulation	The Spinal Cord Injury Physician Pipeline	Integrating Bladder and Mobility	
	3313 Giving Patients with SCI a Voice: Leveraging Real-Time Feedback to Improve Rehabilitation Experience and Outcomes J GARDNER (30 minutes)	3414 Transcutaneous Spinal Stimulation after Spinal Cord Injury: Mechanisms, Neurophysiological Evidence, and Home-Based Application S VALIKA (60 minutes)	3393 Closing the Gap: Innovative Approaches to Recruiting the Next Generation of Spinal Cord Injury Physicians C WHITE (60 minutes)	3304 *Integrating Bladder Management and Mobility: Best Practices in Wheelchair Configuration For Intermittent Catheterization L HOLDERBAUM (60 minutes)	
	3334 Pleasure For All: An Updated Look Into Sexual Health Therapeutic Interventions Across the Continuum Of Care L HUMPHREY (15 minutes)				
	3437 Validating Upper Extremity Outcome Measures in Traumatic Spinal Cord Injury in the Inpatient Rehabilitation Setting L RAINONE (15 minutes)				
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM (flexible return time)	Post Conference Activities In Local Area: Snowbird, Park City Olympic Village, Guided Hike - More to be determined - Fees may apply Pre-Registration required				
* This session is approved for occupational therapy and physical therapy credit only. Participants from other disciplines are welcome to attend but will not receive credit.					
** (Notes about the Craig H. Neilsen Rehabilitation Hospital Monday Evening Tour)					