

# 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)			
<b>Pre-Conference Program</b>				
	<b>Imperial A/B</b>	<b>Craig H. Neilsen Hospital</b>	<b>Imperial C</b>	<b>Imperial D</b>
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	<b>Advanced Strategies in Spasticity Management</b>	<b>Essential Skills for Tracheostomy Care in Tetraplegia</b>		
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	3326   Integrated Spasticity Care in Spinal Cord Injury: Timing, Treatment, and Neuroplasticity Across the Continuum”   R KORUPOLU (4 hours)	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)		
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch on Your Own			
	<b>Imperial A/B</b>	<b>Craig H. Neilsen Hospital</b>	<b>Imperial C</b>	<b>Imperial D</b>
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	<b>Surgical &amp; Rehab Innovations for the Upper Extremity</b>	<b>Essential Skills for Tracheostomy Care in Tetraplegia (Cont'd)</b>	<b>Clinical Foundations in Spinal Cord Injury</b>	<b>Professional Development &amp; Career Navigation</b>
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	3436   Upper Extremity Reconstruction in Tetraplegia   B SNIDER (4 hours)	The Terrifying Trached Tetraplegic: Practical Skills for Caring for Individuals With Tetraplegia, An Interdisciplinary Training Workshop for Healthcare Providers (Part II)   Interdisciplinary Tour	3395   Foundational Skills in Spinal Cord Injury Rehab   J WALKER (2 hours)  3433   A Practical Framework for Progressive Strengthening After Spinal Cord Injury   A RUPPEL (2 hours)	3351   Early Career and Trainee Workshop: Job Search, Curriculum Vitae Development, and Negotiation Skills in Spinal Cord Injury Care   G GRIGOROPOULOS (2 hours)
5:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Section Board Meetings			
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Welcome Reception (Garden Courtyard)			
<b>Day 1   Monday September 7, 2026</b>				
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

Donald Munro Award Lecture (APS)/APS Awards

Bridging the Post-Discharge Follow-Up Gap

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

3432 | Closing the Post-Discharge Follow-Up Gap in Spinal Cord Injury | A RUPPEL (60 minutes)

10:30 AM – 10:35 AM

Break

Audrey Nelson Award Lecture (SCIN)/SCIN awards

Veteran Perspectives on Vocational Rehabilitation

10:35 AM – 11:35 AM

3479 | Technology-Driven Solutions: Improving Health and Wellness for Veterans With SCI | H TOUCHETT (60 minutes)

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)

Essie Morgan Award Lecture (PSWC)/PSWC awards

Neurology: Ask the Urologist

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

3480 | Spinal Cord Injury and Mental Health: Lessons Learned and Considerations for The Future | H AMES (60 minutes)

3333 | Ask the Urologist- Hot Topics and Practical Learning in Neurourology | S LENHERR, M KENNELLY (60 minutes)

2:00 PM – 2:05 PM

Break

TLC Distinguished Lecture Award

Peer Health Coaching for SCI

2:05 PM – 3:05 PM

3344 | Evidence-Guided Spinal Cord Injury Neuromodulation: Patient Selection, Targeting, and Outcomes | M GILL (60 minutes)

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

Level Up: Revolutionizing Rehab with 3D Printing & Adaptive Gaming

Community Access and Social Connections

The Human Connection: Navigating Violence, Wellbeing, & Injustice

Parenting with Spinal Cord Injury

3:20 PM – 4:20 PM

<p>3423   Late-Onset Respiratory Failure In Individuals with Chronic Spinal Cord Injury   M GILLUM (15 minutes)</p> <p>3356   Associations Between Blood Pressure Dysregulation and Health-Related Quality of Life in People with Spinal Cord Injury   J WECHT (15 minutes)</p> <p>3419   Use of medium volume bowel preparation in patients with spinal cord injury undergoing colonoscopy   C CHUANG (15 minutes)</p> <p>3386   Frequencies of US Veterans with Spinal Cord Injuries and Disorders Having Blood-Pressure-Related Emergency Department Visits   R WILLENBERG (15 minutes)</p>	<p>3359   Leveling the Playing Field: Current Tools and Latest Updates in Adaptive Video Gaming For SCI/D   D REDEPENNING (30 minutes)</p> <p>3444   Simple Solutions Through 3D Printing   M GARDNER (30 minutes)</p>	<p>  Ernest Bors Award   Presence of Midsagittal Tissue Bridges and Walking Ability 1-year Post Spinal Cord Injury   W THORNTON (15 minutes)</p> <p>3404   Role of physician practice focus and practice location on access to spinal cord injury care   S SABHARWAL (15 minutes)</p> <p>3341   Continued implementation of a community-driven assessment for sidewalk accessibility in a New Jersey town.   K MANSURIA (15 minutes)</p> <p>3424   Social networks redefined among individuals living with a spinal cord injury or disease   J PIATT (15 minutes)</p>	<p>3406   Interpersonal Violence Against People with Spinal Cord Injury: Preliminary Results of a National Survey Study   S ROBINSON-WHELEN (15 minutes)</p> <p>3421   The Wide Divide: Understanding Extreme Injustice Appraisal Phenotypes in Newly Acquired Spinal Cord Injury   A HANKS (15 minutes)</p> <p>3342   Shared and Unique Predictors of Depressive Symptoms and Wellbeing Among Adults with Spinal Cord Injury   M BHATTARAI (15 minutes)</p> <p>3374   Treatment Burden and Quality of Life in Patients with Spinal Cord Injury   J JARAMILLO (15 minutes)</p>	<p>3354   The Parenting Paradox after Spinal Cord Injury: Physical and Psychosocial Challenges   M NUTKOWITZ (60 minutes)</p>
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4:20 PM – 4:25 PM

<b>Break</b>				
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4:25 PM – 5:25 PM

Imperial A/B	Grand A	Grand D	Imperial C	Imperial D
<p><b>Smart Space, Safe Space: Implementing Tech from Hospital to Home</b></p> <p>3312   From Smart Hospital Room to Smart Home: Preserving Independence after Discharge   J GARDNER (30 minutes)</p> <p>3310   Smart Tech at the Bedside: Clinician and Patient Perspectives Regarding Mainstream Technology Implementation in Inpatient Rehabilitation   K STAUFFER (15 minutes)</p> <p>3360   Ownership, Benefit, and Barriers to use Of Mainstream Smart Home Technologies Among Individuals With SCI/D   D REDEPENNING (15 minutes)</p>	<p><b>The Future of Care: Redefining Standards and Goal-Setting in Rehab</b></p> <p>3409   Redefining Rehabilitation: A National Initiative to Standardize Access, Quality Indicators, and Length of Stay Justification   A CHESNEY (30 minutes)</p> <p>3320   Reclaiming What Matters: Translating Values Into Meaningful Rehabilitation Goals   J FARRAR (30 minutes)</p>	<p><b>AI Assistants for SCI/D</b></p> <p>3328   General AI Assistants for Spinal Cord Injury/Disease: Understanding and Supporting Patient Use   Z HUANG (60 minutes)</p>	<p><b>Upper Extremity Spasticity Surgery</b></p> <p>3439   Surgical Management of Upper Extremity Spasticity   B SNIDER (60 minutes)</p>	<p><b>Adolescent Independence: Summer Intensive Rehab</b></p> <p>3434   Beyond the Acute Phase: Growing Into Independence Through an Adolescent Summer Intensive Rehabilitation Model   C CALLAHAN (60 minutes)</p>

6:15 PM – 8:15 PM	Craig H. Neilsen Rehabilitation Hospital Tour **				
<b>Day 2   Tuesday September 8, 2026</b>					
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				
7:30 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
	Rising Up: The Science of Exoskeletons & Upright Mobility	Developing & Evaluating Clinical Care Standards	The Intersection of Oncology & Spinal Cord Injury	Psychological Foundations for Intrathecal Baclofen Therapy	Measuring Excellence: Quality Improvement Strategies

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	3475   Self-Balancing Exoskeleton Clinical Trial For Personal-Use In High Neurological Spinal Cord Injury (SCI): Primary Outcomes   A SPUNGEN (15 minutes)	3388   Consortium for Spinal Cord Medicine Clinical Practice Guidelines: A Review of Methodology, Quality and Effectiveness   P GORMAN (60 minutes)	3305   Rehabilitation Considerations for the Oncological Spinal Cord Injury   M STEWART (60 minutes)	3308   Psychological Evaluation in Intrathecal Baclofen Candidacy: Enhancing Readiness, Equity, and Long-Term Outcomes   J FARRAR, K PARK, R SHINGLETON (60 minutes)	3408   Building from the Bones Up: The Art of Creating an Inpatient Interdisciplinary Quality Improvement Committee   K THOMAS (30 minutes)
	3468   Self-Balancing Exoskeleton Clinical Trial for Personal-Use In High Neurological Spinal Cord Injury (SCI): Secondary Outcomes   A SPUNGEN (15 minutes)				3399   Optimizing Therapy Participation in SCI Rehabilitation: Review of the Science   C BOMBARDIER (30 minutes)
	3418   START Standing/Walking: Implementation of an Aggressive Upright Mobility Program During Inpatient Rehabilitation   D ARNOLD (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				
3:05 PM – 4:05 PM	Imperial A/B	Grand A	Grand D	Imperial C	Imperial D
	<b>Annual Review of Top Spinal Cord Injury Research</b>	<b>Rehab Redefined: New Frontiers in Therapy and Fitness</b>	<b>Beyond the Clinic: Social Media, Peer Support, &amp; Long-Term Success</b>	<b>Advanced Neuromodulation Strategies</b>	<b>Speech &amp; Airway Management</b>
	3430   What's Hot in Spinal Cord Injury Care: Key Articles and Updates from the Past Year   S SABHARWAL (60 minutes)	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)	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 Experiences	3373   *No Patient Left Behind: A Case-Based Approach to Advanced Electrical Stimulation for Special Populations   D ECK (60 minutes)	3348   Breathing, Speaking, and Weaning: Speech and Respiratory Care in Patients with Spinal Cord Injuries   B AFRAGOLA (60 minutes)

		3315   Is There an Optimal Dosing Frequency for Exoskeleton Training? Factors Influencing Delivery Across Rehabilitation Settings   DANNAE ARNOLD (15 minutes)	Cord Injury through Lived Experience and Practical Resource Integration   J STRACHAM (30 minutes)		
4:05 PM – 4:15 PM	<b>Break</b>				
	<b>Imperial A/B</b>	<b>Grand A</b>	<b>Grand D</b>	<b>Imperial C</b>	<b>Imperial D</b>
4:15 PM – 5:15 PM	<p><b>By the Books: Mastering CPGs and Clinical Accuracy for SCI</b></p> <p>3384   National Survey on the Clinical Practice Guideline Utilization for the Care of Spinal Cord Injuries   N NAIR (15 minutes)</p> <p>3362   Expedited International Standards for Neurological Classification of Spinal Cord Injury: Accuracy for Classifying Non-Traumatic Injuries   S BURNS (15 minutes)</p> <p>3443   Colonoscopy Findings and Periprocedural Risks in Veterans with Spinal Cord Injury or Multiple Sclerosis   A GUPTA (15 minutes)</p> <p>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)</p>	<p><b>Closing the Gap: Fall Detection and the Path to Re-Employment</b></p> <p>3343   Stakeholder-Driven Development of a Fall Detection System for People Who Use Wheelchairs and Scooters   L RICE (15 minutes)</p> <p>3377   Independent Horizons: A Medical Equipment Loan Program to Facilitate Transitions Home after Spinal Cord Injury   S WAID (15 minutes)</p> <p>3457   From Hospital to Workforce: Collaboration Between Vocational Rehabilitation and Occupational Therapy in Spinal Injury Rehabilitation.   A DE SIMONE LAMPMAN (30 minutes)</p>	<p><b>The Ethics of Choosing to Hasten Death</b></p> <p>3368   Hastening Death by Voluntarily Stopping Eating and Drinking: Legal, Ethical, and Staff Perspectives   M BUDD (60 minutes (1 Ethics CEU))</p>	<p><b>Nuances in ALS Pathogenesis</b></p> <p>3353   Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis: Making Headway of Heterogeneity   M NUTKOWITZ (60 minutes)</p>	<p><b>Advocacy as a Scholarly Catalyst</b></p> <p>3394   From Activism To Academia: Leveraging ASCIP Advocacy for Scholarly Advancement   E CLAMMAICHELLA (60 minutes)</p>
5:15 PM – 7:00 PM	<b>Posters and Exhibit Hall Reception (Grand B/C)</b>				
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	<b>ECATS Meet and Greet (Off-Site)</b>				
<b>Day 3   Wednesday September 9, 2026</b>					
6:45 AM – 8:15 AM	<b>Breakfast in Exhibit Hall (Grand B/C)</b>				
6:50 AM – 7:50 AM	<b>Salt Lake City ASCIP Talk, Walk &amp; Roll With Experts - Topics TBD</b>				
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	<b>APC Meeting (Venezia Garden Salon)</b>				
7:30 AM - 7:45 AM	<b>Moderator Meeting (TBD)</b>				
7:00 AM – 12:30 PM	<b>Registration</b>				
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	<b>Business Meeting (Imperial A/B)</b> <b>Academy Award Presentations for ASCIP Leadership, Becky Adcock, Research, &amp; IDEA</b>				
8:45 AM – 8:50 AM	<b>Break</b>				
	<b>Jayanthi Charitable Foundation Lecture (Imperial A/B)</b>				

8:50 AM – 9:50 AM	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
	<p data-bbox="359 321 674 349"><b>Collaborative Adaptive Sports Fitting</b></p> <p data-bbox="359 537 674 646">3357   Gearing Up Together: An Interdisciplinary Team Approach for Providing Adaptive Sports Equipment   K DECINA (60 minutes)</p>	<p data-bbox="674 297 989 375"><b>Rest &amp; Resilience: Supporting Caregivers and Managing Sleep Health</b></p> <p data-bbox="674 448 989 526">3378   From Burnout to Balance: Smart Tech Solutions for SCI/D Care Partners   J NICOLA (30 minutes)</p> <p data-bbox="674 646 989 755">3335   The Therapist’s Guide to Sleep Disordered Breathing in SCI: Screening, Interpretation, and Management   D ECK (30 minutes)</p>		<p data-bbox="1304 313 1619 358"><b>Navigating Mobility Technology Choices</b></p> <p data-bbox="1304 537 1619 646">3435   *Standing at Crossroads: Shared Decision Making for Supported Standing and Exoskeletons in Spinal Cord Injury   K CEZAT (60 minutes)</p>	<p data-bbox="1619 321 1936 349"><b>Complex ISNCSCI Cases</b></p> <p data-bbox="1619 565 1936 610">3438   Challenging ISNCSCI Concepts and Cases   B SNIDER (60 minutes)</p>
10:55 AM – 11:00 AM	Break				
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Imperial A/B	Grand A	Grand D	Imperial C	Imperial D
	<p data-bbox="359 870 674 915"><b>The Empowered Patient: Real-Time Feedback Loops and Sexual Health</b></p> <p data-bbox="359 992 674 1117">3313   Giving Patients with SCI a Voice: Leveraging Real-Time Feedback to Improve Rehabilitation Experience and Outcomes   J GARDNER (30 minutes)</p> <p data-bbox="359 1208 674 1312">3334   Pleasure For All: An Updated Look Into Sexual Health Therapeutic Interventions Across the Continuum Of Care   L HUMPHREY (15 minutes)</p> <p data-bbox="359 1338 674 1463">3437   Validating Upper Extremity Outcome Measures in Traumatic Spinal Cord Injury in the Inpatient Rehabilitation Setting   L RAINONE (15 minutes)</p>	<p data-bbox="674 886 989 906"><b>Non-Invasive Spinal Stimulation</b></p> <p data-bbox="674 1133 989 1263">3414   Transcutaneous Spinal Stimulation after Spinal Cord Injury: Mechanisms, Neurophysiological Evidence, and Home-Based Application   S VALIKA (60 minutes)</p>	<p data-bbox="989 870 1304 915"><b>The Spinal Cord Injury Physician Pipeline</b></p> <p data-bbox="989 1143 1304 1252">3393   Closing the Gap: Innovative Approaches to Recruiting the Next Generation of Spinal Cord Injury Physicians   C WHITE (60 minutes)</p>	<p data-bbox="1304 886 1619 906"><b>Integrating Bladder and Mobility</b></p> <p data-bbox="1304 1133 1619 1263">3304   *Integrating Bladder Management and Mobility: Best Practices in Wheelchair Configuration For Intermittent Catheterization   L HOLDERBAUM (60 minutes)</p>	

**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)