

**The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Walter Grand Neurosurgical Forum at Ponte Vedra**  
**Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> - Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**  
**Ponte Vedra Lodge & Club ~ Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida**



**THURSDAY EVENING, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Conference Attendees ~**

**5:30 pm Introduction/Cocktail Reception**

*Trellis at Ponte Vedra Lodge & Club  
 (Cocktail or Business Casual Attire)*

**7:30 - 9 pm ☀️ Key Note Lecture ☀️**

A New Era for Cerebrovascular Intervention Has Begun  
*From Stroke to Structural Reconstruction*

**Demetrius Klee Lopes, MD**

Director of Cerebrovascular Surgery & Comprehensive Stroke Program;  
 Advocate Health, Chicago, IL

*Ocean 2, Ponte Vedra Lodge and Club*

**Spouse Event ~**

**6:00 pm Spouses' Reception w/Laura Grand**

*(Cocktail or Business Casual Attire)*



*Spouses ~ Please meet Laura directly at the Seaview Dining Room,  
 Ponte Vedra Lodge and Club*

**FRIDAY, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**CRANIAL SESSION - Ocean 2 room**

**7:00 am ~ Continental Breakfast and Conference Overview**

**8:00 Multimodal Surgical Strategies for Deep Seated and Insular Lesions** Jan Hachmann, MD, MS, MBA; Mayo Clinic Florida, Jacksonville, FL

**8:30 Complications in Neurosurgery** Gordon Baltuch, MD, PhD; Columbia Neurosurgery, New York City, NY

**9:00 Aneurysm Rescue Treatment – Who Saves Who?** Ricardo Hanel, MD, PhD; Baptist Health, Jacksonville, FL

**9:30 Machine Learning-driven Prediction of Aneurysm Occlusion after Woven EndoBridge** Shrinit Babel, MS2; USF Health, Tampa, FL (*Mentor – Kunal Vakharia, MD*)

**10:00 Break**

**GENERAL NEUROSURGERY SESSION**

**10:30 Special Guest Lecturer ~ Neurosurgical Future Frontier**

**Dr. Walter Jean**

Lehigh Valley Health Network; Lehigh Valley, PA

**11:00 Subarachnoid Hemorrhage Volume and Expedited Resolution** Saif Salman, MD; Mayo Clinic Florida, Jacksonville, FL

**11:30 Neuromodulation** Phil Lee, MD, PhD; Geisinger Medical Center Danville, PA

**12:00 When Conflict Arises in Healthcare** Justin Davanzo, MD; Allegheny Health Network, Pittsburgh, PA

**12:30 Discussion - Summation**

**1:30 Close**

**6:00 pm Friday Family Fund Night, West Lawn, casual attire**

Relaxing sunset farm to table dinner overlooking lagoon and golf course including the annual 4<sup>th</sup> Ponte Vedra Olympics with children's games and activities

**SATURDAY, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**SPINAL SESSION - Ocean 2 room**

**7:00 am ~ Continental Breakfast and Conference Overview**

**8:00 Falling Thru the Cracks – An Update on Osteoporosis in Spine Surgery** Lara Massie, MD; Allegheny Health Network, Pittsburgh, PA

**8:30 Neuromodulation for Stroke Recovery and Rehabilitation** Rushna Ali, MD; Mayo Clinic Rochester, Rochester, MN

**9:00 Interbody Fusion Implants - Steve Pirris, MD;** Mayo Clinic Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL

**9:30 Development and Validation of a Nomogram for Prediction of Survival in Adolescent Spinal Cord Injury** Cole Sloboda, DO; Carilion Clinic, Roanoke, VA (*Mentor – Lisa Apfel, MD*)

**10:00 Break**

**GENERAL NEUROSURGERY SESSION**

**10:15 The Grand Rounds: Honoring 20 years of Teaching, Mentorship, and Innovation in Neurosurgery**

Hunaldo Villalobos, MD

**11:00 Brain Surgery Training with an Avatar** Giselle Coelho Caselato, MD; Mayo Clinic Florida, Jacksonville, FL

**11:30 Doctor AI** Amos Dare, MD; Wellington, FL

**12:00 PnD's for NSG** Boyle Cheng, PhD; Allegheny Health Network, Pittsburgh, PA

**12:30 Failure to Launch: Why Techies & Engineers Fail in Medicine** Shahed Elhamdani, MD (PGY-7); Allegheny Health Network, Pittsburgh, PA (*Mentors – Alexander Yu, MD, Jody Leonardo, MD*)

**1:00 Discussion - Summation**

**2:00 Close**



**6:00 pm Laura's Beach Bash!**

*Trellis and Beach, Ponte Vedra Lodge and Club (Beach wear)*

**6:00 Cocktails, appetizers, beach games**

**7:00 Beach barbeque buffet dinner**

**8:00 Bonfire on the beach (with S'mores!)**

**We would like to gratefully acknowledge all those who have supported the Dr. Walter Grand Neurosurgical Forum, Inc. non-profit organization in the past year.**

<i>Dr. Lisa Apfel</i>	<i>Dr. Jody Leonardo</i>
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