

4th Annual Summer Spine Symposium
July 16–18, 2026 | Nashville, TN
Preliminary Scientific Program

Thursday, July 16, 2026

2:00 pm **Registration Opens**
3:30 **Beer and Appetizers with Exhibit Viewing**

Session 1: **Stump the Champs: Cases and Views from the East, the West, and the South** *Non-CME*

4:00 Welcome
4:05 Cases
5:15 Non-CME Tech Talks

Session 2: **Spine Game Show Session** *Non-CME*

6:15 Spinal Jeopardy! Game Show
6:45 Adjourn

6:45–7:30 pm **Welcome Reception with Exhibitors**

Friday, July 17, 2026

7:00 am **Registration Opens, Breakfast with Exhibit Viewing**

Session 3A: **Cervical: Is Global Alignment Important in all Cervical Spine Cases?** *Concurrent*

Case Presentations and Debates: How We Do It in the East vs. West vs. South

7:25 Fellow Presentation of a Complex Alignment Problem with A Complex Solution
7:30 Roundtable Comment and Debate
7:50 Fellow Presentation of a Complex Alignment Problem with A Simple Solution
7:55 Roundtable Comment and Debate
8:15 Fellow Presentation: Simple Surgery Turning into A Complex Alignment Problem
8:20 Roundtable Comment and Debate

Session 3B: **Pediatric Cases, Conversations, and Confessions** *Concurrent*

7:25 Cases
8:13 Roundtable Discussion

8:25 **Refreshment Break with Exhibit Viewing**

Session 4: Degenerative Lumbar Spine

Grade 1 Degenerative Spondylolisthesis: When Feasible This Is How I Like to Treat It

- 8:55 Moderator Introduction
8:56 Cases
9:11 Panelist Commentary and Clinical Pearls
9:16 Open Discussion

Far Lateral Herniated Disc: This Is How I Typically Treat It

- 9:20 Moderator Introduction
9:21 Cases
9:36 Panelist Commentary and Clinical Pearls
9:41 Open Discussion

They Showed Up in My Office Flat L4–S1: This Is How It Affected My Surgical Plan

- 9:45 Moderator Introduction:
9:46 Cases
10:01 Panelist Commentary and Clinical Pearls
10:06 Open Discussion
10:15 Adjourn

10:25 am Optional Recreational Activities

3:30 pm Beer and Appetizers with Exhibit Viewing

Session 5: Complications

- 4:00 Cases
5:20 Refreshment Break with Exhibit Viewing

Session 6: What I Learned in Fellowship and Why I Do it Different Now

- 5:35 Presentations and Discussion
6:25 Adjourn

6:30 pm **Fellows' Reunion Dinner**
By Invitation

Saturday, July 18, 2026

7:30 am **Registration Opens, Breakfast with Exhibit Viewing**

Session 7: Young Adult and Adult Degen Scoliosis

8:00 Cases

9:00 Keynotes

9:30 **Refreshment Break & Final Exhibit Viewing**

Session 8: Spine By the Decade

9:50 What One Thing I Wish I knew in the First Year of Practice, *Presenter 1*

9:55 What One Thing I Wish I knew in the First Year of Practice, *Presenter 2*

10:00 A Decade of Letter Salad: The Alignment Goals I Use in 2026, *Presenter 1*

10:05 A Decade of Letter Salad: The Alignment Goals I Use in 2026, *Presenter 2*

10:10 What Keeps Me Up at Night Two Decades Into Practice, *Presenter 1*

10:15 What Keeps Me Up at Night Two Decades Into Practice, *Presenter 2*

10:20 How My Deformity Practice Has Evolved Over the Last Decade

10:30 Closing Comments

10:35 4th Annual Summer Spine Symposium Adjourns