

IPSO 2026 Congress Program Preview
Inspiring Innovation, Transforming Care and Improving Outcomes in Pediatric Stroke
May 27th-29th, 2026
Cite Internationale Universitaire de Paris
Paris, France

****Please Note: This is a preliminary preview, program is subject to change***

DAY 1: Wednesday, May 27th, 2026 9:00AM- 5:20PM

1. 9:00AM: Opening Remarks

2. 9:10AM: Keynote: Pierre Lasjaunias Memorial, The History of Congenital Arteriovenous Fistulas

- a. **Moderator:** Manoelle Kossorotoff, MD | Neurology | Paris, France
- b. **Speaker:** Guillaume Saliou, MD, PhD | Neuroradiology | Lausanne, Switzerland

3. 9:40AM: Clinical Debate Session: Management of Cervical Arteriopathies

Moderators:

Christine Fox, MD, MAS | Neurology | San Francisco, United States

Fernanda Balut Oyarzun, MD | Neurology | Santiago, Chile

Speakers:

- a. **Management of Cervical Artery Dissection: Adult Neurologist's Perspective**
Mikael Mazighi, MD, PhD | Neurology | Paris, France
- b. **Management of Cervical Artery Dissection: Pediatric Neurologist's Perspective**
Carolina Vargas, MD | Neurology | Toronto, Canada
- c. **Rotational Vertebral Arteriopathy: Recognition, Etiologies, and Treatment**
Todd Abruzzo, MD | Neuroradiology | Phoenix, United States

10:40AM Break (Light Refreshments)

4. 11:10AM: Clinical Advances Session: New Tools/ Treatments for Identifying Patients at High Risk for Stroke

Moderators:

Greg James, PhD FRCS | Neurosurgery | London, United Kingdom

Olivier Naggara, MD, PhD | Neuroradiology | Paris, France

Speakers:

- a. **Imaging Cerebral Perfusion and Cerebrovascular Reserve**
Jorn Fierstra, MD, PhD | Neurosurgery | Zurich, Switzerland
- b. **Real-Time Stroke Detection in High-Risk Cardiac Patients**
Mauro Caffarelli, MD | Neurocritical Care Neurology | San Francisco, United States
- c. **New Approaches to Moyamoya Revascularization: Burr Holes with Erythropoietin**
Yong Cheol Lim, MD, PhD | Neurosurgery | Suwon, Korea

5. 12:05PM: Clinical Advances Session: Venous Sinus Thrombosis

Moderators:

Kevin O'Connor, MD | Neurology | Lexington, United States

Speakers:

- a. **KidsDOTT Trial and CSVT: Shorter Anticoagulation Treatment? Anticoagulation for Infection-provoked CSVT?**
Gary Woods, MD | Hematology & Oncology | Atlanta, United States
- b. **Venous Thrombosis Secondary to Infection: from Lemierre Syndrome to Otitic Hydrocephalus**
Romain Luscan, MD | ENT | Paris, France

12:45PM: Poster Session Day 1 & Lunch

6. 2:15PM: Clinical Advances Session: Perinatal Stroke: From Pathophysiology to Recovery

Moderators:

Nana Nino Tatishvili, MD, PhD | Neurology | Tbilisi, Georgia

Joel Fluss, MD | Neurology | Geneva, Switzerland

Speakers:

- a. **Pathophysiology of Fetal and Perinatal Stroke: Sex Differences and the Role of the Placenta**
Mary Dunbar, MD MSc FRCPC | Neurology | Alberta, Canada
- b. **Anatomic and Functional Neuroimaging After Perinatal Stroke**
Lucie Hertz Pannier, MD, PhD | Neuroradiology | Paris, France
- c. **Improving Outcomes After Perinatal Stroke: The Results of the Dinosaur Trial (Darbepoetin for Ischemic Neonatal Stroke to Augment Regeneration)**
Manon Benders, MD, PhD | Neonatal Neurology | Utrecht, Netherlands
- d. **Improving Outcomes After Perinatal Stroke: The Results of the I-ACQUIRE Trial**
Warren Lo, MD | Neurology | Columbus, United States
- e. **A Multimodal Approach to Neonatal Stroke Recovery: Clinical Outcomes and Their Evolution Over Childhood**
Mathilde Chevignard MD, PhD | Rehabilitation | Paris, France

3:45PM: Break (Light Refreshments)

7. 4:15PM: Clinical Review Session: The Role of Infection in Intracranial Vasculopathies

Moderators:

Raluca Tudorache, MD | Neurology | Bucharest, Romania

Maja Steinlin, MD | Neurology | Bern, Switzerland

Speakers:

- a. **Global Perspective: HIV-Related Intracranial Vasculopathies in Africa**
Alvin Ndondo, MBChB, FCPaed (SA) | Neurology | Cape Town, South Africa
- b. **Global Perspective: Intracranial Vasculitis Due to Tuberculosis Meningitis in India**
Minal Kekatpure, MBBS, MD | Neurology | Bangalore, India
- c. **Focal Cerebral Arteriopathy as a Post-infectious Arteriopathy: The Role of VZV, SARS-CoV2, and Other Infections**
Robin Munger, MD | Neurology | Bern, Switzerland
- d. **Oral Abstract: Variability in the Management of Pediatric Infection-Related Cerebral Venous Sinus Thrombosis: A Multi-Institutional Cross-Sectional Survey of U.S. Pediatric Neurologists**
Nehali Mehta, MD | Neurology | Palo Alto, United States

DAY 2: Thursday, May 28th, 2026 8:30AM- 5:30PM

1. 8:30AM: Clinical Review Session: Rare Neurovascular Diseases that You Should Not Miss

Moderators:

Kittiphop Somboonnithiphol, MD | Neurointerventional Radiology | Bangkok, Thailand
Stuart Fraser, MD | Neurology | Houston, United States

Speakers:

- a. **The Eye/Brain Connection: Bonnet-Dechaume-Blanc or Wyburn-Mason Syndrome**
Annouk Bisdorff, MD | Neuroradiology | Paris, France
- b. **The Eye/Brain/Gut/Bladder Connection: ACTA2 Deficiency and Other Smooth Muscle Disorders**
Dianna Milewicz, MD, PhD | Genetics | Houston, United States
- c. **Deficiency of Adenosine Deaminase 2 (DADA2): A Rare but Treatable Monogenic Vasculitis**
Isabelle Metys, MD, PhD | Hematology & Oncology | Leuven, Belgium
- d. **Dural Sinus Malformation: Diagnosis and Management**
Amanda Baker, MD | Neurointerventional Radiology | New York, United States
- e. **Oral Abstract: Somatic Mutations in Vein of Galen Malformation**
Jesse Jones, MD | Neurosurgery | Birmingham, United States

9:55AM: Break (Light Refreshments)

2. 10:25AM: Clinical Advances Session: Bridging Gaps in Stroke Systems

Moderators:

Eva Jung, MD | Neurology | Munich, Germany
Rachel Pearson, MD | Neurology | Orange County, United States

Speakers:

- a. **Integrating Children into Adult Stroke System of Care**
Guillaume Turc, MD, PhD | Neurology | Paris, France
- b. **Setting Up Pediatric Systems of Care**
Mark Mackay, MD, PhD | Neurology | Melbourne, Australia
- c. **Global Perspective: Pediatric Stroke Care in South America**
Maria Fernanda Rios Pistoia, MD | Neurology | Buenos Aires, Argentina
- d. **Global Perspective: Pediatric Stroke Care in Egypt**
Sahar Hassanein, MD, PhD | Pediatric Neurology | Cairo, Egypt

3. 11:30AM: Clinical Advances Session: Acute Arterial Ischemic Stroke Management

Moderators:

Sheffali Gulati, MBSS, MD, FRCPC, FAMS | Neurology | New Delhi, India
Peter Sporns, MD | Neurointerventional Radiology | Basel, Switzerland

Speakers:

- a. **Selecting Patients for Thrombectomy: Imaging for a Pediatric Stroke Code**
Aikaterini Anastasiou, MD | Neuroradiology | Basel, Switzerland
- b. **Current Approaches to Thrombolytics: Tenecteplase Versus Alteplase**
Lisa Sun, MD | Neurology | Baltimore, United States

12:15PM: Poster Session Day 2 & Lunch**4. 1:45PM: Oral Abstracts Session One****Moderators:**

Marta Bertamino, MD, PhD | Neurology | Genoa, Italy
Jaspal Singh, MD | Neurology | Southampton, United Kingdom

Speakers:

- a. **Quality of Life in Adults Living with Perinatal Stroke**
Lauran Cole, MD, MSc | Neurology | Edmonton, Canada
- b. **Paediatric Stroke in Africa: A Scoping Review of Clinical, Imaging, and Social Determinants**
Rajeshree Govender, MBChB | Neurology | Durban, South Africa
- c. **Reducing Access Site Complications: Safety and Feasibility of Using a Femoral Access Site Cocktail for Pediatric and Neonatal Neuroendovascular Procedures**
Natasha Hongsermeier-Graves, MD, MPH | Neurosurgery | Salt Lake City, United States
- d. **Predictors of Neoangiogenesis in Moyamoya Disease**
Fozia Saeed, BSc (Hons), MBBS, FRCS (SN) | Neurosurgery | London, United Kingdom
- e. **Psychiatric Comorbidity Among Pediatric and Young Adult Hemorrhagic Stroke Survivors: A Retrospective Cohort Study**
Rachel Vassar, MD | Neurology | San Francisco, United States

3:05PM: Break (Light Refreshments)**5. 3:35PM: Clinical Advances Session: Preventing Hemorrhagic Stroke in Children****Moderators:**

Flavio Requejo, MD | Neurointerventional Radiology | Buenos Aires, Argentina
Elisabeth Tournier-Lassaerve, MD | Neurology | Paris, France

Speakers:

- a. **Fetal ICH and COL4A1/ A2**
Thibault Coste, PharmD, PhD | Genetics | Paris, France
- b. **Genetics in Vascular Malformations**
Miikka Viikula, MD, PhD | Genetics | Brussels, Belgium
- c. **Complex Case Presentation**
Vanessa Chalumeau, MD | Neurointerventional Radiology | Paris, France
- d. **Global Perspective: Management of Pediatric Arteriovenous Malformations in Kazakhstan**
Mynzhylky Berdikhojayev, MD | Neurosurgeon | Astana, Kazakhstan

6. 4:50PM: Business Affairs & Collaborative Research Updates**Congress Dinner (Ticketed Event)****DAY 3: Friday, May 29th, 2026 8:00AM- 1:00PM****1. 8:00AM: Challenging Case Conference, INR Focused**

2. 9:00AM: Clinical Review Session: Improving Recovery After Pediatric Stroke

Moderators:

Mathilde Chevignard, MD, PhD | Rehabilitation | Paris, France

Yenny Zuniga, MD | Neurology | Bogota, Colombia

Speakers:

a. Patient Family Centered Care

Sarah Knight, PhD | Neuropsychology | Melbourne, Australia

b. Goal Oriented Intensive Therapies

Yannick Bleyenheuft, PhD | Rehabilitation | Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

c. Oral Abstract: Pilot Study for an Exergaming System for Children With Stroke

Stuart Fraser, MD | Neurology | Houston, United States

d. IPSO Hemorrhagic Stroke Guideline: Rehab/Outcomes

Christine Mrakotsky, PhD | Neuropsychology | Boston, United States

Janette Mailo, MD, PhD, FRCPC | Neurology | Phoenix, United States

3. 10:15AM: Clinical Review Session: IPSO Clinical Guidelines

Moderators:

Adam Kirton, MD, MSc, FRCPC | Neurology | Alberta, Canada

Manish Parakh, MD | Neurology | Jodhpur, India

Speakers:

a. IPSO Hemorrhagic Stroke Guidelines: Acute Management

Gregoire Boulouis, MD, PhD | Neurointerventional Radiology | Tours, France

Laura Lehman, MD, MPH | Neurology | Boston, United States

b. Best Practices in Pediatric Interventional Neuroradiology (INR): Results of a Delphi Consensus Survey

Kartik Bhatia, MD | Neurointerventional Radiology | Sydney, Australia

Darren Orbach, MD, PhD | Neurointerventional Radiology | Boston, United States

c. IPSO Guidelines: How to Set Up a New Working Group

Lori Jordan, MD, PhD | Neurology | Tennessee, United States

11:00AM: Break (Light Refreshments)

4. 11:30AM: INR Session: Debate on Acute Endovascular Management

Moderators:

Hugo Gortais, MD | Neurointerventional Radiology | Paris, France

Sarah Lee, MD | Neurology | Palo Alto, United States

Speakers:

a. Consortia to Discuss Real-world Outcomes, Device Selection, and System-of-Care Implications

Mario Psychogios, MD | Neuroradiology | Basel, Switzerland

b. Discuss 'Small Child' Dedicated Devices / Access

5. 12:20PM: Oral Abstracts Session Two

Moderators:

Ilona Kopyta, PhD, MD | Neurology | Katowice, Poland

Jenny Wilson, MD | Neurology | Portland, United States

Speakers:

a. Plasma B Cell-Derived IgG Induces Endothelial Senescence and Vascular Dysfunction in Cerebral Cavernous Malformations

Olivia Lu, PhD | Professor | San Francisco, United States

b. Predictive Factors of Success for Indirect Revascularization Using Multiple Burr Holes in Pediatric Moyamoya

Matei Militaru, MD | Neurosurgery | Paris, France

6. 12:52:PM: Closing Remarks

1:00 PM: Congress Ends

1:15PM- 5:00PM: Post Congress Meetings

Location: Adenauer Auditorium

- 1:15PM- 2:45PM: IPSS (International Pediatric Stroke Study) Meeting *open to all
- 3:00PM- 5:00PM: IPSO Committee/ Working Group Meetings (TBD)

Location: Gulbenkian Salon Meeting Room

- 1:15PM- 2:15PM: IPSO Board of Directors Meeting
- 2:15PM- 2:45PM: IPSO Steering Committee Meeting
- 3:00PM- 4:00PM: IPSO/IPSS Hemorrhagic Stroke Meeting
- 4:00PM-5:00PM: Moyamoya Meeting