



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*

Pre-Congress: Wednesday, May 27th, 2026

- 7:30AM-8:50AM: Check-In & Poster Set Up (Wednesday Session Only)

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 | Neurointerventional Radiology | 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 | Neurointerventional Radiology | 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
Romain Briest, MBBS, FRACP | Neurology | Adelaide, Australia

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
- c. **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

6. 12:55PM-1:55PM: Poster Session Day 1

- a. **Location:** Galerie Wilson & Galerie Biermans

12:55PM- 2:25PM: Lunch

7. 2:25PM: 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

3:55PM: Break (Light Refreshments)

8. 4:25PM: 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

5:20PM: Day 1 Ends

5:30PM-6:00PM: Day 1 Poster Removal

Pre-Congress: Thursday, May 28th, 2026

- **7:00AM-8:20AM: Poster Set Up (Thursday Session Only)**

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, FRCPCH, 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

4. 12:10PM-1:10PM: Poster Session Day 2

- a. **Location:** Galerie Wilson & Galerie Biermans

12:10PM-1:40PM: Lunch

5. 1:40PM: 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

3:00PM: Break (Light Refreshments)

6. 3:30PM: 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 Vikkula, 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

7. 4:45PM: Business Affairs & Research Collaborative Updates

Moderators:

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

Heather Fullerton, MD | Neurology | San Francisco, United States

Speakers:

a. Business Affairs: IPSO Update

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

Heather Fullerton, MD | Neurology | San Francisco, United States

b. Vein of Galen Malformation Registry Update

Silvia Buratti, MD | Neuro-Critical Care | Genoa, Italy

5:30PM: Day 2 Ends

5:30PM-6:00PM: Day 2 Poster Removal

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

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:

Peter Dirks, MD, PhD, FRCSC | Neurosurgery | Toronto, 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. Dedicated Training for Pediatric INR

b. Systems of Care for Interventional Pediatric Stroke Care

Steven Hetts, MD | Neurointerventional Radiology | San Francisco, United States

c. Device Considerations

d. Industry Perspective: 'Small Child' Dedicated Devices

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 **members only*

- 2:15PM- 2:45PM: IPSO Steering Committee Meeting **members only*
- 3:00PM- 4:00PM: IPSO/IPSS Hemorrhagic Stroke Meeting
- 4:00PM-5:00PM: Moyamoya Meeting

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