



**California Neurosurgery |**  
**Excellence through Transitions**  
**CANS Annual Meeting, January 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Sonoma Mission Inn**

September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

RE: California Association of Neurological Surgeons (CANS) 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

Dear Colleagues,

On January 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 CANS will be celebrating its **48<sup>th</sup>** Annual Meeting in Sonoma, California. It will be the first time in over 30 year that CANS has held an annual meeting in the Napa and Sonoma area; we anticipate a large number of attendees and are excited to return to the region!

With its 400 members CANS is the largest and most active state neurosurgical organization in the United States. We welcome you to participate in this meeting by demonstrating your products to a large gathering of neurosurgeons, featuring many national leaders in our specialty.

Our exciting program will focus on **Excellence in Transition**. We will feature neurosurgical programs and hospitals in transition, with presentations on how departments and healthcare systems strive for excellence while undergoing seismic changes. The program will offer a socioeconomic update from neurosurgical members of the California Medical Association, the American Medical Association, the Council of State Neurosurgical Societies, and neurosurgery's Washington Committee. We will review programs of leadership development in healthcare, with presentations from physician leaders from Kaiser Permanente, Stanford, and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons.

We look forward to seeing you at CANS!

Sincerely,

John K. Ratliff, MD  
President, CANS

**Our tax I.D. number: 23-7364733**



**Please don't be late registering for this meeting as it will cost you an additional \$50.00 Registration deadline is Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

## SCHEDULE of EVENTS

(at a glance)

Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

2-4pm Board of Directors Meeting

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6:30-8:30pm Opening Reception

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Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 2020

6:30-7:30am Continental Breakfast/Exhibits

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7:30-7:45am CANS Business Meeting

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8- Noon CANS Socio-Economic Meeting

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Noon- 1:30pm **LUNCH -With Exhibitors**

1:20-4:30pm CANS Socio-Economic Meeting

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6:30pm Banquet (Must purchase ticket)  
Awards presentation

Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

7:00-7:30am Continental Breakfast/Exhibits

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7:30-12:15 CANS-Scientific Meeting

**12:15 Meeting Adjourns**

Offsite Event – must pre purchase tickets.

## Opening Reception

Please plan to attend the opening reception on **Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30pm**. Come join your colleagues for drinks and delicious passed hors d'oeuvre aplenty!

**This event will be held in the Exhibitor Hall!**

## Saturday Night Banquet!

Must purchase ticket Dinner choices below:

- Steak
- Fish
- Vegetarian (chef's choice)

**Sign up today!**

**SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET!  
MUST HAVE TICKET**

The special conference rate of \$279 is available for a **limited** number of rooms. Please use this link:

<https://book.passkey.com/go/cansannualmeeting2020>

**Reserve your room today**

**CALL for ACCOMODATIONS TODAY! 1-800-441-1414**

**Don't forget to mention you are with the CANS meeting!**

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint Providership of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) and the California Association of Neurological Surgeons (CANS). The CNS is accredited by ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The CNS designates this live activity for a maximum of **11 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)**<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity

# “California Neurosurgery: Excellence through Transitions”

## SCHEDULE of EVENTS January 17-19, 2020

### FRIDAY

2-4pm CANS Board Meeting (open to all members-light bites before/during)

**6:30 – 8:30 Opening Night Reception (Attendees, Guests & Exhibitors)**

### SATURDAY

**6:30–7:40 Continental Breakfast- Please visit EXHIBITS**

7:45-7:50 **John K. Ratliff, M.D.** President's Report

7:50-7:55 **Farbod Asgarzadie, M.D.** Secretary's Report Voting: BOD/Nominating Committee

7:55-8 **Joseph Chen, M.D.** Treasurer's Report

#### **Session 1: Socioeconomic Update**

8:00-8:20 Washington Committee Report – **John Ratliff, MD**

8:20-8:40 AMA Update – **Ken Blumenfeld, MD**

8:40-8:50 CMA Update – **Ciara Harrarher, MD**

8:50-9:10 Presidential Campaigns, national landscape: **Katie Orrico**

9:10-9:30 CSNS Update: **Michael Steinmetz, MD**

9:30-9:45 Q & A

**9:45-10:15 Break - Please visit exhibits in PAVILLION**

#### **Session 2: Excelling through Transitions**

10:15 -10:40 Organizational Excellence in Transition: **David Entwistle**

10:40 -11:00 Managing a Service Line through Transition – **Alison Kerr**

11:00-11:20 Developing a Culture of Quality and Care- **Amy Lu**

11:20 – 11:40 Resident Perspective on an Uncertain Training Environment- **Arjun Pendharkar, MD**

11:40 – 12:00 Q & A

**12:00 – 1:00 Lunch with Exhibitors/Comments on Future of Spine Surgery**  
**Ed Macy | Matt Link | Medtronic**

#### **Session 3: Achieving and Maintaining Excellence**

1:00 – 1:25 Programmatic Development: **Kia Shahlaie, MD**, University of California, Davis

1:25 – 1:50 Programmatic Excellence: **Praveen Mummaneni, MD** University of California, San Francisco

1:50 – 2:15 Programmatic Transition: **Gary Steinberg, MD**, Stanford

2:15 – 2:30 Q & A

#### **Session 4: Leadership Development**

2:30 – 2:55 Leadership in Healthcare/Teambuilding in academic Medicine – **Karen Frush**

2:55 – 3:20 Leadership Development at Kaiser – **Simran Brara, MD**

3:20 – 3:45 Developing Leaders on a National Stage- **Alex Khalessi, MD**

3:45 - 4:10 Q & A

4:15 – 4:15 **John Ratliff, M.D.** - Closing remarks.

### **SATURDAY BANQUET –MUST HAVE TICKET**

**6:30 PM** Cocktails

**7:00 PM** Dinner

## **SUNDAY**

### **7:00-7:30 Breakfast/Please visit Exhibits**

#### **Session 1: *I Just Graduated—Now What?***

**Moderators: Drs. McDermott/Grant/Shahlaie**

- 7:30 – 7:40 Introductions  
7:40 – 7:50 **Yi-Ren Chen, MD:** Private Practice  
7:50 – 8:00 **Aaron Clark, MD:** University of California, San Francisco  
8:00 – 8:10 **Laura Prolo, MD:** fellowship, academics  
8:10 – 8:20 **Jared Ament, MD** David  
8:20 – 8:30 **Dr. Jung**  
8:30 – 8:40 **Omid Hariri, DO:** Kaiser  
8:40 – 9:00 Roundtable

### **9:00-9:30 BREAK-PLEASE VISIT EXHIBITS**

#### **9:30- 12:00 Resident/Fellow Presentations**

- 9:30-9:45 **Michael Safaee, MD** University of California San Francisco;  
***Trends in Posterior Cervical Fusion for Deformity in the United States from 2000-2017***
- 9:45-10 **Seun Omofoye, MD,** University of California Davis;
- 10-10:15 **Ajay Ramnot, DO;** Desert Regional Medical Center, Palm Springs  
***"Thrombectomy Outcomes (With or Without tPA) in the Elderly: The Palm Springs Experience"***
- 10:15-10:30 **Zach Medress, MD** Stanford;  
***Simulating Episode-Based Bundled Payments for Cranial Neurosurgical Procedures***
- 10:30-10:45 University of California Los Angeles;
- 10:45-11 **Ben Strickland, MD** University of Southern California;
- 11-11:15 University of California San Diego;
- 11:15-11:30 **James Brazdzionis, DO;** Riverside University Health System  
***rtPA for chronic SDH management***
- 11:30-11:45 **Joseph Falcone, MD** University of California Irvine
- 11:45-12 Loma Linda Medical Center;
- 12-12:15 Cedars-Sinai  
Awards for Resident Presentations

Thank you for supporting the  
**California Association of Neurological Surgeons**  
**CANS ANNUAL MEETING 2020 REGISTRATION FORM**  
*The Sonoma Mission Inn, January 17<sup>h</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Sonoma, CA*

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Neurosurgeon \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday/Sunday CME Meeting Registration - January 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
 (includes opening reception on Friday for everyone and lunch for registrants on Saturday)

CANS Members \$ 400 \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Members \$350 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Non-Members \$ 450 \_\_\_\_\_ Neurosurgeon Residents no charge \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*Breakfast & Lunch fee for spouses and guests (no charge for meeting registrants) \$150 \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration is \$50 MORE AFTER DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 Register today!**

Saturday Banquet - January 19<sup>th</sup> reception 6:30 pm; Dinner 7 pm (includes appetizer, wine, dessert)  
**\*MUST RESERVE DINNER TICKETS EARLY-LIMITED SPACE**

|             |       |            |                      |
|-------------|-------|------------|----------------------|
| Per Person  | \$150 | Name _____ | Beef__ Fish__ Veg__  |
| Guest       | \$150 | Name _____ | Beef__ Fish__ Veg__  |
| Child (3-9) | \$ 40 | Name _____ | Child's dinner _____ |
|             | \$ 40 | Name _____ | Child's dinner _____ |

**\*PAY YOUR 2020 DUES\* \$350 (ACTIVE) \$50 (SENIOR)**

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE by December 21, 2019 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**No refund requests (including no-shows) will be accepted after January 1, 2020**

**The special conference rate of \$279 is available for a limited number of rooms. Please use this link:**

**<https://book.passkey.com/go/cansannualmeeting2020>**

or call 1-800-441-1414 by **December 21, 2019** to ensure a room at a group rate.

Please check here when you have made your hotel reservations. \_\_\_\_\_

CC info (all major cc accepted): \_\_\_\_\_ exp \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Return registration form to CANS, 5380 Elvas Ave., #215, Sacramento, CA 95819 or fax to 916 457-8202.**

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