

# UT Health East Texas Neurological Institute Neuroscience Symposium

*April 23-24, 2026 UT Health East Texas Pavilion  
801 Clinic Drive, Tyler*



This educational activity will provide information on advanced treatments and techniques in the neuroscience field. It is designed for physicians specializing in family medicine, general practice, internal medicine, orthopedics, general surgery, vascular surgery, neurology, neurosurgery and other specialties, as well as nurses and other allied healthcare professionals who have an interest in current techniques in neuroscience care.

Lectures will be followed by the opportunity for questions and answers.

## Continuing Education Credit

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### Continuing Medical Education

The University of Texas at Tyler Health Science Center is accredited by the Texas Medical Association to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians.

The University of Texas at Tyler Health Science Center designates this live activity for a maximum of **13.0 AMA PRA Category 1 credits**.™ Participants should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. This program is also designated for **2.5 hours** of medical ethics and/or professional responsibility credit.\*\*

### Continuing Nursing Education

The University of Texas at Tyler School of Nursing is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

To obtain **13.00 ANCC CNE Credit**, participants must be present for the entire day/days of the symposium and submit a completed evaluation survey.

Day 1 - April 23, 2026 - 7.25 CNE Credit

Day 2 - April 24, 2026 - 5.75 CNE Credit

Both Days - 13.00 - CNE Credit

### Continuing Radiologic Technologists

Approved by the ASRT for Category A continuing education credit.

# Conference Speakers

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**Emad Al Rawasheded, MD**

*Neurologist*

UT Health Tyler  
Tyler, TX

**Bernard Bendok, MD**

*Chair and Professor of Neurological Surgery*

Mayo Clinic  
Phoenix, AZ

**Harold Bolnick, MD**

*UT Health Pain Management and Addictionology*

UT Health Tyler  
Tyler, TX

**Paul Detwiler, MD**

*Director, Neurological Institute*

Tyler Neurosurgical Associates  
UT Health Tyler  
Tyler, TX

**Luis Fernandez, MD**

*Trauma Surgeon*

UT Health Tyler  
Tyler, TX

**Luis Fernandez, III, MD**

*Neurosurgeon*

Cleveland Clinic  
Cleveland, OH

**Paul Kowalski, MD**

*Comprehensive Stroke Medical Director*

Neuro Hospitalist  
UT Health Tyler  
Tyler, TX

**George Plotkin, PhD, MD**

*Neurologist*

UT Health East Texas Neurological Institute  
Tyler, TX

**Rani Priyanka Vasireddy, MD, MHA**

*Neurologist*

UT Health Tyler  
Tyler, TX

**Kurt Reuland, MD**

*Interventional Radiology, Neuroradiology*

Neuro IR of East Texas  
UT Health Tyler  
Tyler, TX

**Moises Sidransky, MD**

*UT Health Pain Management*

UT Health Tyler  
Tyler, TX

**Evelyn Turcotte, BS, (MD Candidate)**

*Neurosurgery*

Mayo Clinic  
Phoenix, AZ

**Khushboo Verma, MD**

*Neurologist*

UT Health Tyler  
Tyler, TX

**Jane G. Wigginton, MD, MSCS**

*Medical Director and Co-Director*

UT Dallas Clinical and Translational Research Center  
Dallas, TX

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## Registration & Contact

**Nursing & Radiology Registration contact:****Lisa Hutchison**

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**No Charge for this conference**

Registration Deadline: **April 22, 2026, by 3 p.m.**

**Physicians:** Please use the link below or use the CloudCME mobile app to scan the code to register.

<https://uthct.cloud-cme.com/NeuroscienceSymposium26>



# Conference Schedule

APRIL 23, 2026

**7:30 - 8:00 a.m.**

**Registration**

**8:00 - 9:00 a.m.**

**Ethics of Leadership (\*\*Ethics Credit)**

Speaker: Paul Detwiler, MD

**9:00 - 10:00 a.m.**

**Upcoming Trends in Treating Strokes**

Speaker: Bernard Bendok, MD

**10:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

**Healthcare Shortages and How to Solve**

Speaker: Evelyn Turcotte, BS (MD Candidate)

**10:30 - 11:00 a.m.**

**Updates in Neuro Interventional Radiology**

Speaker: Kurt Reuland, MD

**11:00 - 11:15 a.m.**

**Break**

**11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

**Bringing Neuromodulation to Patients:  
Translating Vagus Nerve Stimulation  
into Human Recovery**

Speaker: Jane G. Wigginton, MD, MSCS

**12:15 - 1:00 p.m.**

**Lunch**

**1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

**Penetrating Skull Base Carotid Injury**

Speaker: Luis Fernandez, MD

**2:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

**Minimally Invasive, Maximally Effective:  
The Role of Endoscopic Skull Base  
Surgery in Modern Practice**

Speaker: Luis Fernandez, III, MD

**3:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Status Epilepticus**

Speaker: Emad Al Rawashedeh, MD

APRIL 24, 2026

**7:30 - 8:00 a.m.**

**Registration**

**8:00 - 9:00 a.m.**

**Cerebral Infarction, Evaluation and  
Management Issues**

Speaker: Paul Kowalski, MD

**9:00 - 9:30 a.m.**

**Opioid Addiction (\*\*Ethics Credit)**

Speaker: Harold Bolnick, MD

**9:30 - 10:45 a.m.**

**Break for SOM Building Grand Opening**

**11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Updates in Movement Disorders**

Speaker: Rani Priyanka Vasireddi, MD, MHA

**12:00 - 1:00 p.m. (Grand Rounds)**

**The Current State of Alzheimer's Disease  
Diagnosis and Treatment with the Focus on  
Latest Biomarkers**

Speaker: Verma Khushboo, MD

**1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

**Low Back Pain: Evaluation and  
Management (\*\*Medical Ethics)**

Speaker: Moises Sidransky, MD

**2:00 - 2:15 p.m.**

**Break**

**2:15 - 3:15 p.m.**

**Design For a Brain**

Speaker: George Plotkin, MD, PhD

**3:15 - 3:30 p.m.**

**Questions and Answers**