



Avera Brain & Spine Institute Conference

April 10, 2026

Holiday Inn Downtown
Sioux Falls, S.D

Conference Agenda

- 7:30-8:00** **Registration and Breakfast**
- 8:00-8:15** **Welcome & Introductions**
- 8:15-9:00** **New Therapies in Parkinson Disease**
Dr. Andrew Ridder
- 9:00-9:45** **Alzheimer's 2026: Biomarkers, Therapeutics, and Clinical Decision-Making**
Dr. Justin Persson
- 9:45-10:15** **BREAK/Time with Vendors**
- 10:15-11:00** **Blood Vessels on Fire! Primary CNS Angiitis and Mimics**
Dr. Sidra Saleem
- 11:00-11:45** **Middle Meningeal Artery: The Cause of and Solution to all of Life's Problems**
Dr. Jonathan Cooke
- 11:45-12:45** **LUNCH/Time with Vendors/Connecting time**
- 12:45-1:30** **Interventional Pain Procedures for Neck and Back Pain**
Dr. James Dreessen
- 1:30-2:15** **The Cost of an Arm and a Leg**
Dr. Thomas Ripperda
- 2:15-2:45** **BREAK/Time with Vendors**
- 2:45-3:30** **Clinical Decision-Making in the Treatment of Multiple Sclerosis**
Dr. Lisa Viola
- 3:30-4:15** **Management of Acute Ischemic Stroke in the ED: Data, Disparities and Updates**
Dr. Randy Bell
- 4:15- 4:30** **Closing & Evaluations**

2026 Annual Brain and Spine Conference

04/10/2026 from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Live Activity

Purpose:

This interdisciplinary conference will bring members of the neuroscience team together with the leading experts to share evidence-based practices, innovative treatment strategies, and collaborative approaches to patient care.

Objectives:

- 1 Discuss the most up to date neuroscience guidelines for disease processes.
- 2 Discuss collaborative approaches to patient care for patient with neurological conditions.
- 3 Discuss current evidence-based management strategies for neurodegenerative disorders across interdisciplinary teams.
- 4 Evaluate how interprofessional collaboration enhances care transitions and long-term outcomes for patients with neurological and spine-related conditions.
- 5 Integrate new approaches to neurologic emergency management into clinical decision-making to improve patient outcome
- 6 Apply updates in interprofessional care strategies to support patients with complex CNS disorders across the care continuum
- 7 Describe emerging best practices in amputee care and prosthetic clinic management to optimize patient rehabilitation and quality of life.
- 8 Recognize unique considerations in diagnosing and managing stroke during pregnancy and postpartum implications

Target Audience:

Physician, Nurse - RN, Social Worker, Pharmacist, EMS, Pharmacy Technician, Nurse - Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant, Physical Therapist, Nurse - LPN/LVN

For successful completion:

- Attend education
- Actively engaged or participated in the activity and Q&A
- Complete evaluation

Accreditation & Credit Designation:

Accreditation



In support of improving patient care, Avera is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

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Continuing Education Credit Designation(s)



IPCE (Team-based): This activity was planned by and for the healthcare team, and learners will receive 6.00 IPCE credit(s) for learning and change.

Medicine CME: Avera designates this live activity for a maximum of 6.00 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the evaluation component, enables the learner to earn credit toward the



CME of the American Board of Surgery's Continuous Certification program. It is the CME activity provider's responsibility to submit learner completion information to ACCME for the purpose of granting ABS credit.

Nurse CE: Avera designates this activity for a maximum of 6.00 ANCC contact hour(s). Nurses should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Pharmacy CE: Avera designates this activity for 6.00 ACPE contact hour(s). Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Credit will be uploaded to the NABP CPE Monitor® within 30 days after the activity completion. Per ACPE rules, Avera does not have access nor the ability to upload credits requested after the evaluation closes. It is the responsibility of the pharmacist or pharmacy technician to provide the correct information (NABP ID and DOB (MMDD)) to receive credit.

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Social Work: As a Jointly Accredited Organization, Avera is approved to offer social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Organizations, not individual courses, are approved under this program. Regulatory boards are the final authority on courses accepted for continuing education credit. Social workers completing this course receive 6.00 Clinical continuing education credit(s).

MN EMS: This education qualifies as Continuing Education, LCCR, or ICCR in the State of Minnesota. EMTs will receive 6.00 continuing education credit(s) for participating in this course.

SD BMOE: This course SD26CE789 has been approved for 6.00 continuing education credits by the South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic examiners (BMOE).

Disclosure Policy:

Due to the regulations required for CE credits, all conflicts of interest that persons in a position to control or influence the education must be fully disclosed to participants. In observance of this requirement, we are providing the following disclosure information: all relevant financial relationships disclosed below have been mitigated.

Name of individual	Individual's role in activity	Nature of Relationship(s) / Name of Ineligible Company(s)
Randy Bell, MD, Physician	Faculty	Nothing to disclose
April Camarigg, BSW	Content Expert - Committee Member	Nothing to disclose
Jonathon Cooke, MD, Physician	Faculty	Consulting Fee-Penumbra
Jacqueline Dahl, RN	Committee Planning Member	Nothing to disclose
James Dreessen, MD, Physician	Faculty	Nothing to disclose
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Shelly Hagen, Administrator	Committee Planning Member	Nothing to disclose
Angela Holz, RN, Nurse	Lead Planner	Nothing to disclose
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Andrew Ridder, MD, Neurologist	Faculty	Speakers Bureau-Neurocrine (Relationship has ended) Speakers Bureau-Amneal
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Lisa Viola, DO	Faculty	Nothing to disclose

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