



PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF
**INTRAOPERATIVE
NEUROMONITORING**

OCTOBER 4-6, 2019

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Course Objectives

Principles and Practice of Intraoperative Neuromonitoring is designed for advanced professionals who perform or support intraoperative neuromonitoring (IONM) procedures. This includes but is not limited to:

- Neurologists
- Surgical Neurophysiologists
- PM&R physicians
- Neurological Surgeons
- Anesthesiologists
- Orthopedic Surgeons
- Board Certified Neurophysiologists
- Vascular Surgeons
- Senior Neurophysiology Technologists
- ENT Surgeons
- Cardiac surgeons

The course will highlight practice specifications, multimodality protocols, recent advances in the field, pre-/post-operative neurological evaluation and management, and telemedicine. Presentations will make reference to current literature, technical developments, methodologies and clinical efficacy. The faculty includes University of Pittsburgh Medical Center physicians and neurophysiologists with extensive clinical and academic expertise in IONM. The course is designed to expose the participants to material that will allow them to acquire a comprehensive understanding of IONM and how it relates to a wide variety of relevant topics such as:

- Advanced principles for neurophysiological monitoring, including instrumentation, neuromonitoring protocols, alarm criteria and clinical efficacy
- Minimally invasive spine surgery, including transpoas approaches
- Pre-, peri- and post-operative evaluation of neurological complications including stroke, cognitive deficits, seizure and spinal cord injury
- Multimodality monitoring techniques for a broad array of procedures including spine and vascular
- Cranial nerve monitoring during skull base procedures
- Interpretation and communication with surgical team
- Development of a Policy & Procedure manual; documentation and communication with the technologist; development of quality assurance metrics; and staff training
- Problem based learning with real-time data analysis and formulation of differential diagnoses

Interactive Workshop Stations

- Instruction and the opportunity to practice placing cranial nerve EMG electrodes on a cadaver (including the extra-ocular muscles)
- Case study review session where participants will work through differential diagnoses
- Cerebrovascular anatomy and the role of IONM in Neurointerventional procedures
- Explore technical problems in IONM and how to develop algorithms for troubleshooting

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DAY 1: FRIDAY, OCT. 4th

7:00A-7:30A Continental Breakfast

7:30A – 7:45A Welcome address Jeff Balzer PhD/Josh Sunderlin MS, CNIM

Principles of Intraoperative Neuromonitoring:

7:45A-8:15A IONM: The History and Physiological Basis Partha Thirumala MD

8:15A-9:00A Principles of EEG Monitoring during surgery Katherine Anetakis, MD

9:00A-9:45A Principles of SSEP Monitoring During Surgery James Castellano, MD

9:45A-10:30A Principles of TcMEP Monitoring During Surgery Jeffrey Balzer, PhD

10:30A-11:00A Principles of BAER Monitoring During Surgery Partha Thirumala, PhD

11:00A-11:45A Lunch break

IONM For Spinal Surgery:

11:45A-12:15P Pediatric scoliosis procedures Patrick Bosch, MD

12:15P-1:00P Minimally Invasive Spine Procedures Jeff Balzer, PhD

1:00P- 1:30P Complex Adult spinal deformity David Okonkwo, MD

1:30P – 2:00P Cervical and Thoracic Spine Trauma Jeremy Shaw, MD

2:00PM – 2:15P BREAK (15 min)

IONM and Stroke:

2:15P – 2:45P IONM for stroke prevention Partha Thirumala, MD

2:45P – 3:15P Carotid Endarterectomy Robert Friedlander, MD

3:15P – 3:45P Therapeutic options for Perioperative Stroke Ashutosh Jadhav, MD

Microvascular Decompression:

3:45P-4:30PM MVD procedures Ray Sekula, MD

4:30P Adjournment

5:30P – 7:30P Meet and Greet with Faculty & Exhibitors, Hilton Garden Inn

DAY 2: SATURDAY, OCT. 5th

7:00A-7:30A Continental Breakfast

7:30A – 7:45A Day 2 Announcements Jeffrey Balzer PhD/Josh Sunderlin MS

Outside the box:

7:45A- 8:15A Artificial Intelligence in Medicine Shyam Visweswaran, MD, PhD

Procedure Specific IONM:

8:15A – 8:45A Pediatric Neurosurgical Procedures Elizabeth Tyler-Kabara, MD

Day 2: Saturday OCT. 5th (continued)

8:45A – 9:15A RLN/SLN Monitoring in Thyroidectomy Uma Duvvuri, MD

9:15A – 9:30A BREAK (15min) – Exhibitor area

9:30A – 10:00A Neurophysiologic techniques for improving DBS lead placement and post-operative optimization Jay Shils, PhD

10:00A – 10:45A IOM for cardiovascular procedures Ibrahim Sultan, MD

Keynote Speech:

10:45A – 11:30A “The Multimodality Neurophysiologic Mapping Technique in Supratentorial Surgery – An Evolving Journey” Mirela Simon, MD

11:30A – 12:30P Lunch in Exhibitor area

Workshops:

12:30P- 1:00P Bloodborne Pathogens lecture and exam Josh Sunderlin, MS

1:00P – 5:15P Interactive Workshop Stations

Station 1: Placing cranial nerve EMG electrodes on cadavers Wendy Fellows-Mayle PhD/Ryan Quallich, CNIM

Station 2: Interactive Case Study Review Session Partha Thirumala, MD/Josh Sunderlin, MS, CNIM

Station 3: Cerebrovascular Anatomy and Interactive Case Studies Jeffrey Balzer, PhD/Carly Brog, CNIM

Station 4: Troubleshooting Technical Problems with IONM Equipment Katherine Anetakis, MD/Andrew Moyer, CNIM

5:15P Adjournment

DAY 3: SUNDAY, OCT. 6th

7:30A – 7:45A Day 3 Announcements Jeffrey Balzer PhD/Josh Sunderlin MS

IONM in India

7:45A-8:30A IONM in India Nishanth Sampath, MD

Improving IONM Practice:

8:30A – 9:15A Managing IOM practice Ryan Quallich, CNIM/Partha Thirumala, MD

9:15A – 9:45A Formal Education in IONM Josh Mergos, MS

9:45A – 10:00A BREAK (15min)

10:00A – 10:30A Troubleshooting in IONM Josh Sunderlin, MS

10:30A – 11:15A Quality Assurance Mindy Corridoni CNIM/Katherine Anetakis, MD

11:15A – 12:00P Communication and Documentation (Medico-legal implications) Jeffrey Balzer, PhD

12:00P Conference Adjournment

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- Registration fee is 50% refundable up to 15 days prior to the start date of the course.
- If you cancel within 15 days of the start of the course, NO REFUNDS will be granted.

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Course location and hotel accommodations

Location:

UPMC Presbyterian Hospital

Biomedical Science Tower
Room S120
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Hotels within walking distance of campus:

Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh University Place

454 Forbes Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213 Phone: (412) 683-2040

Distance from campus is 0.3 miles;
travel time on foot is five minutes.

A block of rooms is being held at the Hilton Garden Inn University Place at a rate of \$144.00/Night.

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