Dear Owl Society Attendees,

I am so excited to welcome our Duke Neurosurgery alumni, current faculty, and residents to this historic event. We have resurrected the Owl Society, which has such a rich legacy at Duke. I am very proud of our team and indebted to the pioneering leadership of my Duke Neurosurgery predecessors. I look forward to seeing you all and sharing stories and fellowship together.

Gerald A. Grant, M.D.
Allan H. Friedman Distinguished Professor of Neurosurgery
Chair, Department of Neurosurgery
Duke University School of Medicine

The OWL Society at Duke

Beginning in the 1950s, when neurosurgeons finished their training at Duke they became members of a group known as the OWL Society (Odom Woodhall Legion), named in honor of two founding fathers of Duke’s neurosurgery program — Guy Odom, MD, and Barnes Woodhall, MD. Members enjoyed meetings and other get-togethers and were gifted with a commemorative lapel pin in the shape of an owl.

Eventually, the tradition faded but was revived in 2023 by Duke Neurosurgery Chair Gerald Grant, MD, to celebrate the department’s legacy, including the more recent past leaders, Drs. Robert Wilkins, Allan Friedman, and John Sampson.
Event Supporters

We are grateful for our event supporters

platinum
Medtronic

gold
KLS Martin®

silver
Baxter

bronze
Aesculap®

Boston Scientific
Advancing science for life™

DB Surgical
Distinctive Surgical Products

OnPoint
longevity

Surgical Theater
Beyond Reality. Beyond Imagination

Surgicore
The conference is hosted at the JB Duke Hotel on the Duke University campus.
Program at a Glance
September 14 – 16, 2023 | JB Duke Hotel

Thursday, September 14, 2023
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. | Welcome Reception in Club Room

Friday, September 15, 2023
7:00 – 8:00 a.m. | Breakfast in Ballroom AB
8:00 – 12:00 p.m. | Morning Session in Ballroom AB
12:30 – 1:30 p.m. | Lunch in Meeting Room A
1:30 – 3:50 p.m. | Afternoon Session in Ballroom AB
1:30 – 4:00 p.m. | Guest Activities
6:00 – 6:30 p.m. | Cocktails in Ballroom Gallery
6:30 – 9:00 p.m. | Dinner in Ballroom CD for Registrants and Their Guests
7:15 – 7:50 p.m. | Jerry Oakes, MD, presents Duke Neurosurgery in the 70s and 80s.

Saturday, September 16, 2023
8:00 – 9:00 a.m. | Breakfast in Meeting Room A
10:00 – 11:00 a.m. | Medical Center Campus
3:30 p.m. | Football Game: Duke vs. Northwestern at Blue Devil Tower
Owl Society Program
Friday, September 15, 2023

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.  Opening Remarks in Ballroom AB at JB Duke
Gerald Grant, MD
John Sampson, MD, PhD
Allan Friedman, MD

Morning Session

9:00 – 9:15  Spine Updates
Christopher Shaffrey, MD

9:15 – 9:30  Pediatric Neurosurgery Updates
Herbert Fuchs, MD, PhD

9:30 – 9:45  Vascular Updates
Ali Zomorodi, MD, & David Hasan, MD, MSc

9:45 – 10:00  Functional HiFu Updates
Nandan Lad, MD, PhD

10:00 – 10:15  Brain Tool Lab
Patrick Codd, MD

10:15 – 10:45  Break

10:45 – 11:00  Global Health Updates
Michael Haglund, MD, PhD, MEd

11:00 – 11:30  Development
Merissa Courtright & Henry Friedman, MD

11:30 – 12:30  Video Messages
Horace Cupp, MD
George Tindall, MD
Ketan Bulsara, MD
Fletcher Lee, MD
12:30 – 1:30  
**Lunch Session**

Resident Program Update & Resident Panel
Steven Cook, MD
Kate McDaniel, PhD
Alankrita Raghavan, MD, PGY-4
Joshua Jackson, MD, PhD, PGY-5
Kennedy Carpenter, MD, PGY-3

---

**Afternoon Session**

1:30 – 1:45  
Preston Robert Tish Brain Tumor Center Updates
David Ashley, MBBS (Hon), FRACP, PhD

1:45 – 1:55  
Repeated Convection-Enhanced Delivery (CED) Infusion of Recombinant Oncolytic Polio/Rhinovirus (Ierapoltuerev; LERA) in Patients with Recurrent Glioblastoma (rGBM), followed by Cervical Perilymphatic Injections of LERA (LERA-CPL)
Annick Desjardins, MD

1:55 – 2:05  
Folate Supplementation Drives Transgenerational Epigenetic Inheritance of Improved Axon Regeneration in Rodents with Spinal Cord Injury
Bermans J. Iskandar, MD

2:05 – 2:15  
A New Potentially Effective Therapy for Newly Diagnosed and Recurrent Glioblastoma Multiforme
Darell Bigner, MD, PhD

2:15 – 2:25  
Fundamental Nature of the Mind-Brain Connection
Eben Alexander, MD

2:25 – 2:50  
**BREAK**

2:50 – 3:00  
Perspective: A Proposed Diagnostic and Treatment Algorithm for Management of Lumbar Spinal Stenosis: An Integrated Team Approach
John Stevenson, MD

3:00 – 3:10  
Erector Spinae Plane Blocks (ESPB) Reduce Length of Stay and Pain Scores for Patients Undergoing Lumbar Decompression: A Single-Surgeon Retrospective Review
Kelly Ryan Wackerle, MD
Thomas Noh, MD

3:20 – 3:30  25 Malpractice Cases  
Stephen Saris, MD

3:20 – 3:50  Memories of Dr. Odom as Seen through Memorabilia  
Raymond Taniguchi, MD
Guest Itinerary

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
Nasher Museum Tour
Meet at the front of the JB Duke Hotel

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
High Tea
in the Garden Room at the Washington Duke Inn

Guest should be registered through the event registration page on the Duke Department of Neurosurgery website.
Transportation will be provided.

Please contact Victoria Nguyen for any questions or concerns. (336) 906 3832