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Registration

Epilepsy Surgery Dissection Workshop

In Conjunction with the ASSFN 2026 Biennial Meeting

May 28-29, 2026

**Hilton Cleveland Hotel
and Lutheran Hospital
Cleveland, Ohio**



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OVERVIEW

Epilepsy surgery is effective for patients with medically refractory epilepsy. As resective surgical methods become increasingly concentrated within a smaller number of specialized centers, the essential skills and craft of 'open' epilepsy surgery are becoming increasingly more difficult to teach. This comprehensive hands-on course is designed to bring trainees and junior faculty together with seasoned epilepsy surgeons, for an immersive learning experience focusing on neuroanatomy, open procedures and complex case discussions. Participants will gain didactic exposure to the full spectrum of modern techniques for epilepsy surgery, including SEEG, robotic stereotaxy, laser ablation, RFTC and neuromodulation (VNS, RNS, DBS), bolstered by an invaluable cadaveric hands-on experience in standard resective strategies and technique.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This educational activity is intended for neurosurgeons interested in epilepsy surgery.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After completing this educational activity, participants will be able to do the following:

- Describe the surgical anatomy of the temporal lobe and how the underlying pathology relates to the choice of surgical technique.
- Summarize the overall outcomes from surgeries for treating patients with epilepsy.
- Demonstrate the basic surgical techniques necessary to complete a functional disconnection of the epileptic cerebral hemisphere.
- Discuss the complexity of identifying ictal onsets in cortical regions outside the temporal lobe and identify specific techniques that allow safe surgical resection in eloquent cortex areas.
- Debate the rationale and show the appropriate techniques for placement of intracerebral electrodes to prove a hypothesis of seizure onset based on individual patient characteristics.
- Demonstrate the techniques of and rationale for of vagus nerve stimulation, responsive neurostimulation, and deep brain stimulation therapies.

Proposed Agenda

Thursday, May 28, 2026, at Cleveland Hilton Downtown Hotel

4:00 pm	Registration
5:00 pm	Welcome and Introductions – William Bingaman, Richard Rammo, Demitre Serletis
5:05 pm	History of Epilepsy Surgery – Imad Najm
5:45 pm	Basics of Presurgical Evaluation – Dileep Nair
6:30 pm	Technology Summit and Dinner – Stephen Harasimchuk, Richard Rammo, William Bingaman, Demitre Serletis

Friday, May 29, 2026, at Lutheran Hospital

7:15 am	Shuttle from hotel to hospital
8:00 am	Welcome – William Bingaman
8:05 am	Intracerebral Electrodes & RF Ablation - Demitre Serletis
8:35 am	Frontal Lobe Surgical Strategies and Relevant Anatomy - Nicholas Barbaro
9:10 am	Laser Ablation for Epilepsy - Robert McGovern
9:45 am	Neuromodulation: VNS, DBS, or RNS - Richard Rammo
10:15 am	Break
10:30 am	Temporal Lobe Surgical Anatomy - Demitre Serletis
11:00 am	Temporal Lobe Surgical Technique - Alex Whiting
11:30 am	Hippocampal Function - Bradley Lega
12:15 pm	Hemispheric Surgery – William Bingaman
12:45 pm	Group Photo and Lunch
1:30 pm	Hands-On Lab - Temporal/Hemispheric
5:15 pm	Special Lecture: Emerging Strategies for Motor Recovery - Andre Machado
6:30 pm	Guardians vs Red Sox Social Event

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Location

Lectures and Labs

Cleveland Clinic Lutheran Hospital
1730 W. 25th Street, Cleveland, Ohio

Hotel Accommodations

Hotel reservations are separate from the course registration and are the responsibility of the participant. A block of rooms at the group rate of \$219+ tax has been reserved at:

Hilton Cleveland Downtown Hotel

100 Lakeside Ave E, Cleveland, OH 44114
Telephone: **216.413.5000**

The cut-off date for the special rate is **April 28, 2026**.

Information

For further information about this activity, contact Liz Eaton at:

Phone: **216.385.9076**

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FEES INCLUDE

Thursday dinner, Friday social event, syllabus, continental breakfasts, refreshment breaks, and lunches.

Health & Safety

All applicable Centers for Disease Control (CDC), state, and local safety protocols will be enforced for this event. Additional attendance requirements may be implemented to ensure attendee health and safety.

Americans with Disabilities Act

The Cleveland Clinic Center for Continuing Education fully intends to comply with the legal requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need assistance, please notify us at least two weeks prior to the activity.

Registration and Cancellation

Preregistrations are accepted online until 5:00 pm (EST), May 22, 2026. Please note, the course size is limited and onsite registrations will not be accepted. In case of cancellation, a full refund will be made if cancelled by May 22, 2026. After May 22, 2026, a \$50 cancellation fee will be deducted from your refund. Written notification of your cancellation is required in order to process your refund. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED AFTER May 22, 2026.**

For questions about registration, call **216.448.8710** or email **cmeregistration@ccf.org**

Category	Fees
Physician	\$1000
Resident*/Fellow	\$0

**Letter from program director is required to receive the discounted fee.
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