

SRHSB Columbus 2025 Conference

August 6-8, 2025, Columbus, Ohio, USA



We are thrilled to invite you to the Annual Society for Research into Hydrocephalus and Spina Bifida (SRHSB) Conference, taking place from **August 6–8, 2025**, at Nationwide Children’s Hospital and The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

Since its founding in 1956, the SRHSB has been committed to advancing knowledge, fostering understanding, and supporting research aimed at the prevention, treatment, and management of hydrocephalus and spina bifida.

In partnership with the Hydrocephalus Association (HA), this conference will bring together leading experts from a wide array of disciplines—including spina bifida and hydrocephalus research, pediatric neurosurgery, orthopedic surgery, complex spinal deformity surgery, urology, fetal surgery, maternal-fetal medicine, neonatology, and biomedical engineering fields driving innovation in patient care. Together, we will share groundbreaking insights and foster collaboration to improve outcomes for patients worldwide.

Join us at the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Conference Center for a program filled with diverse and expanded educational opportunities, as well as collaborative initiatives designed to advance pediatric care globally. We look forward to welcoming you to this significant event and to your valued contributions to this important dialogue.

We are still developing the full conference program following Abstract submissions, but we are pleased to share the provisional program thematic highlights [here](#).

Program Highlights

The Annual SRHSB Conference offers a dynamic and diverse program focusing on hydrocephalus, neural tube defects (NTDs), and clinical challenges in pediatric care. Highlights include:

- **Keynote Lecture:** Delivered by renowned expert Dr. David Limbrick, MD, PhD, addressing groundbreaking advancements in hydrocephalus and spina bifida research.
- **Thematic Sessions:** Including "Engineering in Hydrocephalus," "Clinical and Translational Perspectives," and "Therapeutics and Biomarkers in NTDs".
- **Poster Session and Networking Reception:** Explore cutting-edge research and connect with peers.
- **Vision 2030 Roundtable:** A forward-looking discussion on the future of NTD management.

Educational Objectives

Attendees of the conference will:

- Enhance their understanding of the latest research in hydrocephalus and spina bifida.
- Explore innovative approaches to engineering solutions and therapeutics in hydrocephalus care.
- Gain insights into spinal deformity, urologic management, and clinical case challenges in NTDs.
- Foster collaboration among interdisciplinary teams to improve patient outcomes.
- Engage with patients and stakeholders to align clinical strategies with patient needs.

Panel Discussions, Debates and Workshops

The conference features interactive and collaborative opportunities, including:

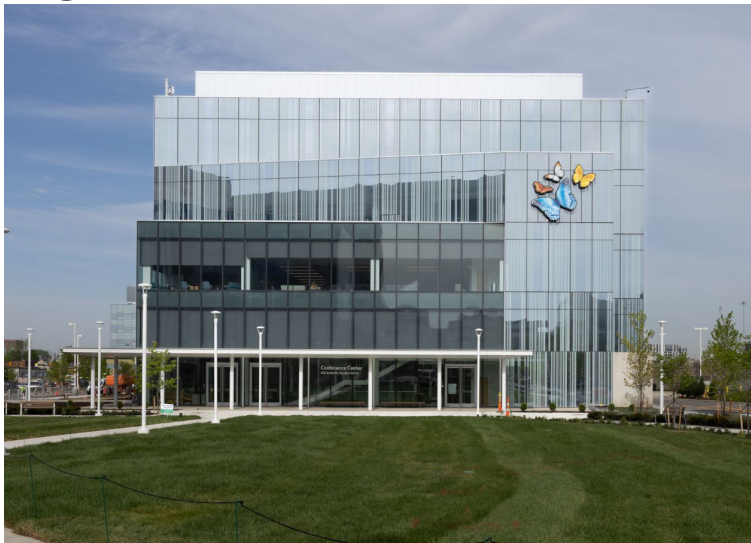
- **Engineering in Hydrocephalus (Fireside Chat):** Dive into technological advancements and their clinical applications.
- **Management of Neural Tube Defects (Fireside Chat):** Focused discussion on optimizing surgical and medical care.
- **Roundtable Discussions – Vision 2030:** Experts and attendees discuss the evolving landscape of NTD management and future goals.

Pediatric Neurosurgery Course

A specialized session designed for neurosurgeons, trainees, and clinicians, covering:

- Advanced surgical techniques for hydrocephalus and spina bifida.
- Case-based discussions highlighting complex challenges and innovative solutions.
- Hand-on simulation of fetoscopic prenatal open neural tube defects closure.

Registration



We are pleased to offer the following registration fee levels. **Please note that registration is now open and can be accessed through the registration portal on the SRHSB Columbus 2025 page (<https://srhsb.com/columbus-2025/>)** . But as the registration rates below show, there is a discount if you are a SRHSB member, so please consider joining SRHSB if you are not a member already!

Registration Fees

Category	On or Before June 30, 2025	After June 30, 2025
Faculty (Non-Member)	\$550 USD	\$600 USD
Faculty (SRHSB Member)	\$400 USD	\$450 USD
Residents, Fellows, Students, Trainees and Allied Health Professionals (Non-Member)	\$400 USD	\$450 USD
Residents, Fellows, Students, Trainees and Allied Health Professionals (SRHSB Member)	\$250 USD	\$300 USD
Virtual Attendees (Non-Member) **	\$250 USD	\$300 USD
Virtual Attendees (SRHSB Member) **	\$100 USD	\$150 USD

** Virtual session includes live streaming of sessions and access to recordings.

Why Become an SRHSB Member?

SRHSB membership offers the following benefits:

- **Significant savings** on conference registration (e.g., up to \$150 off faculty registration).
- Membership in a global network of professionals focused on hydrocephalus and spina bifida.
- Exclusive access to society updates, resources, and opportunities for collaboration.

Membership Fees:

- **Faculty and Consultants:** £75 annually (~\$92 USD at the current exchange rate)
- **Residents, Fellows, Students, Trainees and Allied Health Professionals:** £40 annually (~\$49 USD at the current exchange rate)

How to Access Member Rates:

1. Pay the annual SRHSB membership fee → The link to the SRHSB membership page is here <https://srhsb.com/membership-join/>
2. Register for the conference at the discounted member rate.

Accommodation

We are pleased to announce that the Hilton Downtown Columbus will serve as the official hotel for the Annual SRHSB Conference. Conveniently located in the heart of Columbus, the Hilton Downtown Columbus offers modern accommodations, excellent amenities, and easy access to the conference venues at Nationwide Children's Hospital and The Ohio State University.



Key Features of the Hilton Downtown Columbus:

- Prime location in downtown Columbus, close to dining, shopping, and entertainment.
- Comfortable and spacious guest rooms with modern amenities.
- On-site dining options and a rooftop bar for networking and relaxation.
- Fitness facilities, indoor pool, and other amenities to enhance your stay.
- Convenient transportation options to and from the conference venues.

Special Conference Rates:

We have secured a special group rate for conference attendees. To take advantage of this offer, we will be providing a direct booking link soon and recommend booking your accommodation early as room availability is limited. **Discounted rates deadline: June 30, 2025.**

We look forward to welcoming you to Columbus and ensuring your stay is both comfortable and enjoyable!

Travelling to Columbus

By Air

John Glenn Columbus International Airport (CMH):

- Columbus is served by John Glenn Columbus International Airport (CMH), located approximately 6 miles (15 minutes by car) from downtown Columbus.
- CMH offers direct flights from major U.S. cities and international hubs, including connections via Chicago, Atlanta, New York, Washington D.C., Toronto, and more.
- Airlines operating at CMH include Delta, United, American Airlines, Southwest, Air Canada, and others.

Travel from CMH to Downtown Columbus:

- **Taxi/Ride-Sharing:** Taxis and ride-sharing services such as Uber and Lyft are readily available and cost approximately \$20–\$30 to downtown.
- **Rental Cars:** Multiple rental car agencies are located on-site at CMH for those who prefer to drive.
- **Shuttle Services:** Some hotels, including the Hilton Downtown Columbus, offer airport shuttle services. Check with your hotel for availability.

By Train

While Columbus does not have direct Amtrak service, nearby cities such as Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Pittsburgh offer train connections. From these cities, Columbus is accessible by bus or car.

By Bus

Greyhound and Megabus:

- Greyhound and Megabus provide intercity bus service to Columbus from major cities across the United States. The main bus station is located in downtown Columbus, within walking distance or a short ride to the Hilton Downtown Columbus and conference venues.

By Car

Columbus is centrally located in the Midwest and easily accessible by car from many nearby cities:

- Cincinnati: ~2 hours
- Cleveland: ~2.5 hours
- Pittsburgh: ~3 hours
- Indianapolis: ~3 hours
- Chicago: ~6 hours

Parking is available at the Hilton Downtown Columbus, Nationwide Children's Hospital, and The Ohio State University.

Getting Around Columbus

Public Transportation:

- Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA): Offers bus services throughout Columbus, including routes to downtown and major attractions.
- CBUS Downtown Circulator: A free bus service connecting downtown Columbus, the Short North Arts District, and the Brewery District.

Taxis and Ride-Sharing:

- Uber and Lyft are widely available and convenient for travel around the city.

Bike Rentals:

- CoGo Bike Share offers a network of rental bikes, perfect for short trips around the city.

Columbus City Map

A map showing the location of National Children's Hospital in Columbus can be found here:

<https://web.columbus.org/directory/results/map.aspx?listingid=299>

NCH Conference Centre Map

A map showing the plan of National Children's Hospital Conference Centre in Columbus can be found [here](#).

Other useful information

1. Visas and Entry Requirements:
 - Please ensure you have the appropriate visa to enter the United States. We recommend checking with your local U.S. embassy or consulate for specific requirements.
 - If you require a visa support letter, please contact the conference organizers for assistance.
2. Currency Exchange:
 - The official currency is the U.S. Dollar (USD). Currency exchange services are available at the airport, major banks, and currency exchange offices.
3. Time Zone:
 - Columbus operates on Eastern Standard Time (EST), UTC-5.
4. Weather:
 - In August, Columbus experiences warm summer weather with average temperatures ranging from 65°F (18°C) to 85°F (29°C). We recommend packing lightweight, comfortable clothing for the season.

Abstracts

Abstract Submission

We wish to announce that Abstract Submission is **now closed**.

On behalf of the SRHSB 2025 Scientific Committee, we thank those who have already submitted Abstracts of scientific work for presentation at the Annual SRHSB Conference, taking place from August 6–8, 2025, in Columbus, Ohio. We have received abstracts on themes related to hydrocephalus, spina bifida, CSF and NTDs, including therapeutic approaches and mechanistic insights.

This is an exciting opportunity to showcase your research, connect with global experts, and contribute to advancing care for hydrocephalus and spina bifida.

In recognition of exceptional conference contributions, we will be offering our usual prizes for stellar presentations: **Best Clinical Presentation, Best Science Presentation, President's Prize for Best Presentation and Best Poster Presentation**.

Notification of Acceptance and Publication

- Abstracts will be reviewed by the SRHSB Expert Review Panel, and notifications of acceptance will be issued on a rolling basis.
- Abstracts are welcome for Oral Platform Presentations and Poster Presentations. Posters can be presented either as digital posters or traditional printed posters, depending on the presenter's preference. Please indicate your preference on submission.
- It is intended that accepted abstracts will be published in a peer-reviewed journal.

We look forward very much to your contributions and participation in this significant event!

Awards

We regret to announce that the applications for the following student/graduate 2025 awards are **now closed**.

- **Waite Hydrocephalus Research Student Bursary 2025**

For full details and application form, please see:

<https://srhsb.com/waite-hydrocephalus-research-student-bursary/>

- **SRHSB/Integra Graduate Travelling Fellowship 2025**

For full details and application form, please see:

<https://srhsb.com/integra-graduate-travelling-fellowship-program/>

- **Norman Guthkelch Award for Early Career Scientist**

For full details and application details, please see:

<https://srhsb.com/awards/#norman-guthkelch-award>

- **Conference Essay Prize - Casey Holter Essay Prize**

For full details and application details, please see:

<https://srhsb.com/awards/#casey-holter-essay-prize>



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