

**2026 UT Medical Center Brain & Spine Institute
13th Annual Stroke Symposium
Friday, April 17, 2026
UT Conference Center**

7:30 – 8:15 am	Registration	
8:15	Welcome & Opening Remarks	Brian Wiseman, MD, MSc Vice President, Brain & Spine Institute, University of Tennessee Medical Center
8:30 – 9:15 am	Stroke Through the Years: Where We Started and How Have We Evolved?	Sarah Parker, MD Neurohospitalist University of Tennessee Medical Center
9:15 – 10:00 am	Surgical Options for Symptomatic Hemorrhagic Stroke	Nate Ellens, MD Endovascular Neurosurgery Fellow Thomas Jefferson University
10:00 – 10:30 am	Scheduled Break	
10:30 – 11:15 am	Update on Structural Heart	James Livesay, MD, Interventional Cardiologist, University of Tennessee Medical Center
11:15 – 12 noon	Dissection and Stroke: Identification and Management	Brian Wiseman, MD, MSc Vice President, Brain & Spine Institute, University of Tennessee Medical Center
12 – 1 pm	Lunch & Exhibits	
1 – 1:45 pm	Movement Disorders and Cognitive Presentations of Stroke	Philip W. Tipton, M.D. Associate Professor of Medicine Division of Neurology Director of Research, Cole Center for Parkinson's & Movement Disorders
1:45 – 2:30 pm	CNS Vasculitis: Associated symptoms and treatment	Ghaida Zaid, MD, University Neurology, University of Tennessee Medical Center
2:30 – 2:45 pm	Scheduled Break	
2:45 – 3:30 pm	What is a Dissecting Intracranial Aneurysm?	Nate Ellens, MD, Neurovascular Fellow Thomas Jefferson University
3:30 – 4:15 pm	Update and Review of Carotid Revascularization	Michael McNally, MD Vascular Surgeon, University of Tennessee Medical Center
4:15 – 4:30 pm	Closing Remarks	Brian Wiseman, MD, MSc Vice President, Brain & Spine Institute, University of Tennessee Medical Center