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There is a growing need to meet the increasing demand for the care of critically ill patients with neurological and neurosurgical conditions. To our knowledge, the Asia Pacific Neurocritical Care Conference (APNCC) 2026 is the only conference in Malaysia—and possibly in the region—fully dedicated to neurocritical care for both adult and paediatric populations.

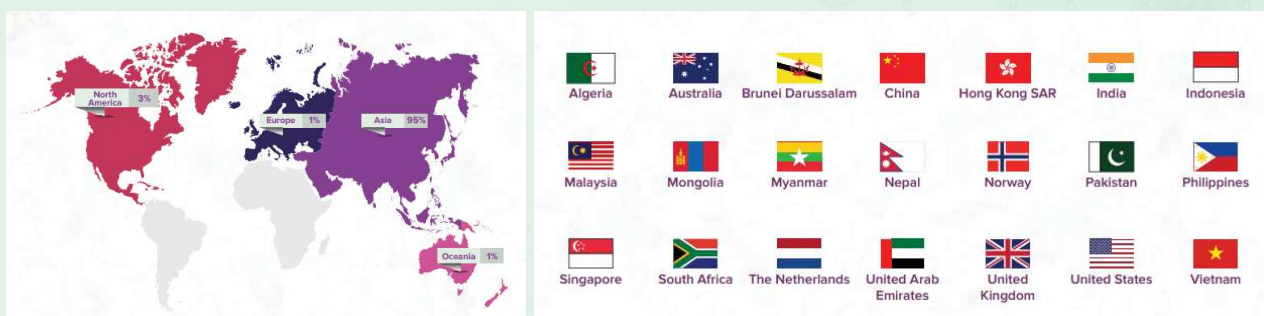
As such, APNCC 2026 is thoughtfully crafted with topics related to current and emerging trends in neurocritical care. To achieve this, the conference has brought together local experts and internationally renowned speakers on this platform to share their knowledge and experiences.

The conference has also partnered with local and regional biomedical industries to showcase the latest products and services relevant to neurocritical care and beneficial to patients with neurological conditions.

Hence, healthcare providers from multiple disciplines, neuroscience researchers, and policymakers involved in neurocritical care can congregate to learn, share, and establish networks with one another.

PAST EDITION: APNCC 2024

28 – 30 June 2024, Borneo Convention Centre Kuching, Sarawak



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Adult Intensive Care Medicine
- Anaesthesiology
- Emergency Medicine
- Internal Medicine
- Neuroanaesthesiology
- Neurocritical Care
- Neurology
- Paediatric Intensive Care Medicine
- Paediatric Neurology
- Paediatrics



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WELCOME MESSAGES FROM THE ORGANISING CHAIRS

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organising Committee, we are pleased to invite you to the Asia Pacific Neurocritical Care Conference (APNCC) 2026, which will be held from 3 – 5 July 2026 at the St. Giles Wembley Hotel in Penang, Malaysia. This event is proudly organised by the Malaysian Society of Neuroanaesthesiology and Neurocritical Care (MSNACC), in collaboration with the Neurocritical Care Society (NCS) and the Pediatric Acute & Critical Care Medicine Asian Network (PACCMAN).

Building on the success of the Asia Pacific Neurocritical Care Conference (APNCC) 2024, which took place from 28 – 30 June 2024 and welcomed over 400 attendees from more than 21 countries, we are delighted to announce the return of this premier event in 2026. APNCC 2026 will remain the only conference in Malaysia—and possibly the region—fully dedicated to both adult and paediatric neurocritical care.

By fostering knowledge exchange and collaboration among local and international multidisciplinary professionals, the conference aims to advance the care of patients facing life-threatening neurological and neurosurgical conditions. Ultimately, our shared goal is to improve outcomes for both adult and paediatric patients in neurocritical care settings.

We look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be a rewarding and enriching experience. While you are here, we also encourage you to explore the vibrant sights, sounds, and flavours of Penang. As a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Penang offers a rich blend of history, culture, and architecture—from charming colonial-era buildings and centuries-old temples to bustling heritage streets. There is truly something for everyone in this remarkable destination.

We look forward to seeing you in Penang in July 2026.



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WELCOME MESSAGES

FROM THE SCIENTIFIC CHAIR

Dear Colleagues,

As the Scientific Chairperson for the Asia Pacific Neurocritical Care Conference (APNCC) 2026, I am pleased to invite you to join us in Penang, Malaysia, from 3 – 5 July 2026.

The Scientific Committee for this third edition of the APNCC is developing a programme that offers a strong balance of cutting-edge, thought-provoking, and clinically relevant topics.

We are proud to present some of the world's leaders in adult and paediatric neurocritical care, who will be joining us from across the Asia-Pacific, Europe, and North America regions.

Nestled in the heart of Georgetown, APNCC 2026 will offer a unique opportunity to explore the rich heritage of this enchanting city while delving into the latest advancements in neurocritical care.

See you in Penang!



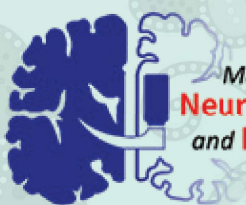
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ORGANISING SOCIETY



Malaysian Society of
**Neuroanaesthesiology
and Neurocritical Care**

There is an emerging number of anaesthesiologists with special interest in perioperative neurosciences from public, private and university hospitals in Malaysia. This subsequently catalysed the formation of **Malaysian Society of Neuroanaesthesiology and Neurocritical Care (MSNACC)** on 28 May 2021. The MSNACC is a non-profitable and self-generating professional body. Through its small but growing number of members, MSNACC aims to facilitate educational activities via formal attachments, workshops, international and national conferences, all for the betterment of perioperative neuroscience in Malaysia.

In keeping with MSNACC's tagline, '**MSNACC: Promoting Excellence in Perioperative Neuroscience and Beyond**', the Society is committed in delivering high quality continuous professional activities not limited to neuroanaesthesia and neurocritical care. These areas include airway management, anaesthesia for patients living with obesity, total intravenous anaesthesia, patient safety, healthcare risk management and education in medico-legal and medical ethics which are essential to all anaesthetic providers.



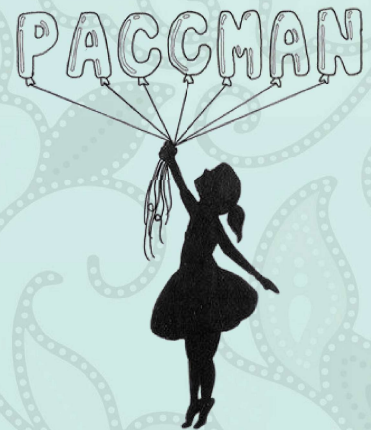
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COLLABORATING SOCIETIES



The **Neurocritical Care Society (NCS)** is proud to be the only professional society representing multi-disciplinary teams of neurocritical care providers around the world whose mission is to improve outcomes for patients with life-threatening neurological illnesses.

The **Pediatric Acute & Critical Care Medicine Asian Network (PACCMAN)** is a collaborative research network formed in 2015 by pediatric intensive care providers. Currently, pediatric intensive care research is inadequate and poorly coordinated in Asia due to variations in clinical practice, institutional systems and resources. With conditions like sepsis, ARDS and myocarditis which carry high mortality rates, the scarcity of trends and research in this area underscores the need for collaboration and good quality interventional trials. The primary aim of PACCMAN is to promote collaboration by bringing together individuals to share experience and develop best practices for this diverse region.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Date	3 – 5 July 2026 (Friday – Sunday)
Venue	St. Giles Wembley Hotel, Penang, Malaysia 183, Jalan Magazine, 10300 George Town, Penang, Malaysia
Official Language	The official language of the conference is English.
Wi-Fi Access	Complimentary Wi-Fi is available throughout the venue.
Weather & Attire	Penang in July is typically warm and humid, with average temperatures between 25°C and 31°C. Smart casual attire is recommended for the scientific sessions.
Time Zone	Malaysia Standard Time (GMT+8)
Currency	The local currency is the Malaysian Ringgit (MYR). Major credit cards are widely accepted.
Conference Managed by	Kenes MP Asia Pte Ltd 20 Kallang Avenue, PICO Creative Centre Level 2 Singapore 339411 info@neuro-criticalcare.org
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CONFERENCE VENUE

ABOUT PENANG

Penang, fondly known as the “Pearl of the Orient,” is a captivating destination that seamlessly blends history, culture, and modern living. Its capital, George Town, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, celebrated for its beautifully preserved colonial architecture, vibrant street art, and a rich multicultural fabric shaped by Malay, Chinese, Indian, and Peranakan influences. The city is alive with festivals, museums, temples, and historic enclaves that showcase Penang’s timeless charm and cultural diversity.

Beyond its urban heritage, Penang is equally admired for its natural beauty and leisure offerings. From lush tropical hills and scenic hiking trails to sandy beaches and tranquil gardens, the island caters to both adventure seekers and those looking for a slower pace of discovery. Renowned as Malaysia’s food capital, Penang is a paradise for culinary enthusiasts, offering an endless variety of hawker fare, traditional delicacies, and modern dining experiences that make every visit unforgettable.



ABOUT ST. GILES WEMBLEY HOTEL, PENANG

St. Giles Wembley Hotel was chosen for its central location in George Town, offering delegates easy access to the conference facilities as well as the city’s heritage sites, shopping districts, and dining options. With its close proximity to major transport links, arrival and departure are convenient for both local and international attendees. Combined with comfortable accommodations, leisure amenities, and nearby conveniences, the hotel provides a well-connected and welcoming base for delegates to participate, network, and enjoy all that Penang has to offer during the conference.

For more information: www.stgileshotels.com/wembley



HOW TO GET THERE

By Private Transportation (Car/Taxi/Grab)

From Penang International Airport:

Approximately 17 - 20 minutes by car (about 17 km), depending on traffic

From North–South Expressway:

After exiting the highway, the hotel is around a 5-minute drive from the Penang Ferry Terminal

From Penang Ferry Terminal:

Just a 5-minute drive to the St. Giles Wembley Hotel

Terminal Komtar:

Buses available: 204, 301, 302, 401, 401E

By Public Transportation

Ferry Terminal:

On the island side, Pangkalan Raja Tun Uda is connected to the Pangkalan Sultan Abdul Halim Ferry Terminal on the mainland. From there, the hotel is either within walking distance or just a short ride away



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Local Registration Category	Early Bird (MYR) 10 Sep 2025 – 10 Apr 2026	Regular (MYR) 11 Apr 2026 – 30 Jun 2026	Onsite (MYR) 1 Jul 2026 Onwards
Doctor (Specialist)	750	900	1,100
Doctor (Medical Officer)	600	750	950
Allied Health Professional	450	600	750
Medical/Nursing Student	300	400	400

International Registration Category	Early Bird (USD) 10 Sep 2025 – 10 Apr 2026	Regular (USD) 11 Apr 2026 – 30 Jun 2026	Onsite (USD) 1 Jul 2026 Onwards
International	400	550	550
Low- & Low-Middle Income Countries	250	350	350

World Bank Classification on [Low-and Middle-Income Countries](#), [Upper-Middle-Income Countries](#), [Low-Income Countries](#)

Note:

- All prices quoted in MYR & USD and are subjected to prevailing rates of Goods and Services Tax.
- Your ticket type determines your access to the Conference (3 – 5 July 2026).
- Registration fees include light refreshments during breaks as indicated in the programme.
- Registration will only be valid upon receipt of the full payment by the registration department according to the deadline indicated.
- An email confirming registration will only be sent after receipt of the required fees.

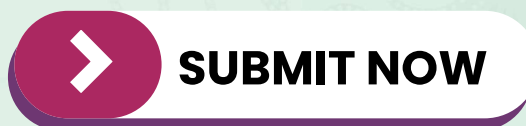
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ABSTRACT THEMES

-  **Acute Inflammatory Central Nervous System Conditions and Neuromuscular Disorders**
-  **Artificial Intelligence in Neurocritical Care**
-  **Brain–Multiorgan Crosstalk**
-  **Cardiac Arrest and Brain Death**
-  **Central Nervous System Infections**
-  **Epilepsy**
-  **Multimodal Neuromonitoring**
-  **Neurocritical Care Nursing**
-  **Neurocritical Care Pharmacotherapy**
-  **Neurorehabilitation**
-  **Paediatric Neurocritical Care and Postoperative Care of Paediatric Neurosurgical Patients**
-  **Perioperative Brain Health**
-  **Point-of-Care Ultrasound in Neurocritical Care**
-  **Research, Quality and Safety in Neurocritical Care**
-  **Role of Paediatric and Adult Intensive Care Unit Liberation and Delirium Surveillance**
-  **Stroke and Aneurysmal Subarachnoid Haemorrhage**
-  **Traumatic Brain and Spinal Injury**



ENQUIRIES

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MAIN PROGRAMME

3 July 2026, Friday Day 1, Main Conference		
Time/Room	Adult NCC	Paediatric NCC
	Wembley Ballroom 1	Wembley Ballroom 2
0730 onwards	Registration	
0825 – 0830	Welcome Address by APNCC 2026 Organising Chairperson Pon Kah Min (Malaysia)	
0830 – 0905	Chair: Cheah Saw Kian (Malaysia) Plenary 1 – Neurocritical Care Literature 2025–2026 Jose I. Suarez (United States)	
0905 – 0940	Plenary 2 – Innovations in Neurocritical Care for Low-Middle Resource Settings Hemanshu Prabhakar (India)	
0940 – 1015	Coffee/Tea Break, Exhibition & Poster Viewings	
1015 – 1130	Symposium 1 – Neuromonitoring	Symposium 2 – Crises at the Neuro-Critical Edge
1015 – 1035	[1.1] Non-invasive Intracranial Pressure Monitoring and Management Prem A. Kandiah (United States)	[2.1] Brains on Fire: The Storm in the Brain: Acute Inflammatory CNS Disorders Hideo Yamanouchi (Japan)
1035 – 1055	[1.2] Multimodality Neuromonitoring in Resource-Constraint Environments Hemanshu Prabhakar (India)	[2.2] Invisible Invaders: CNS infections in PICU Arun Bansal (India)
1055 – 1115	[1.3] Multimodality Neuromonitoring: More Is Better MN Chidananda Swamy (Brunei)	[2.3] Little Strokes, Big Impact: Stroke and Aneurysmal SAH in Children Teh Chee Ming (Malaysia)
1115 – 1130	Q&A	Q&A
1130 – 1215	Wembley Ballroom 1 Satellite Lunch Symposium	
1215 – 1400	Friday Prayer Lunch, Exhibition & Poster Viewings	
1400 – 1515	Oral Presentations	Poster Presentations
1515 – 1545	Coffee/Tea Break, Exhibition & Poster Viewings	
1545 – 1700	Symposium 3 – Infections in Neurocritical Care	Symposium 4 – Trauma, Resuscitation and Brain Protection
1545 – 1605	[3.1] Sepsis Biomarkers in Neurocritical Care Will Loh Nee-Hooi (Singapore)	[4.1] After the Silence: Optimising Post-Cardiac Arrest Joel Lim Kian Boon (Singapore)
1605 – 1625	[3.2] Timing of Antibiotics in Neuro-ICU Sepsis: How Fast Is Fast Enough? Wong Yu-Lin (Singapore)	[4.2] Balancing the Tides: Balancing Oxygen, Perfusion & Neuroprotection Kristy Fu (Singapore)
1625 – 1645	[3.3] Sepsis in Neurocritical Care: Impact on Neurologic Outcomes Cheah Saw Kian (Malaysia)	[4.3] Chilling the Fire: Cooling Therapy in Cardiac Arrest Care Anusha Ganeshalingham (New Zealand)
1645 – 1700	Q&A	Q&A
End of Day 1		

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MAIN PROGRAMME

4 July 2026, Saturday Day 2, Main Conference		
Time/Room	Adult NCC	Paediatric NCC
	Wembley Ballroom 1	Wembley Ballroom 2
0730 onwards	Registration	
0800 – 0835	Plenary 3 – Ventilatory Management in Severe Brain Injuries Julian Bösel (Germany)	
0835 – 0950	Symposium 5 – Intracranial Haemorrhage-ICH	Symposium 6 – Smarter Care Through Tech & Monitoring: Precision, Technology & Intervention
0835 – 0855	[5.1] Bundles of Care for ICH Patients Sarah L. Livesay (United States)	[6.1] Looking Deeper: Multimodal Neuromonitoring in Action Syeda Kashfi Qadri (Singapore)
0855 – 0915	[5.2] Blood Pressure Management in ICH: Is Time to Individualise? Jose I. Suarez (United States)	[6.2] Stethoscope of the Future: Point-of-Care Ultrasound-Expanding the Neurocritical Toolbox Chor Yek Kee (Malaysia)
0915 – 0935	[5.3] Variance of Care of ICH around the World Wong Yu-Lin (Singapore)	[6.3] Signals from the Blood, Beyond the Numbers: Biomarkers & Novel Diagnostics in Neurocritical Care Kristy Fu (Singapore)
0935 – 0950	Q&A	Q&A
0950 – 1030	Coffee/Tea Break, Exhibition & Poster Viewings	
1030 – 1105	Plenary 4 – Artificial Intelligence in Neurocritical Care Rohan Mathur (United States)	
1105 – 1215	Symposium 7 – Aneurysmal Subarachnoid Haemorrhage - aSAH	Symposium 8 – Organ Crosstalks in Neurocritical Illness
1105 – 1125	[7.1] Taming the Spasm: Decision-Making in Vasospasm aSAH Prem A. Kandiah (United States)	[8.1] The Gut Feeling: Nutrition in Neurocritical Care. Early vs Cautious Lee Jan Hau (Singapore)
1125 – 1145	[7.2] Navigating Competing Priorities in aSAH Management Minyu Jian (China)	[8.2] The Breathless Brain: Neurological Consequences of Respiratory Failure Rujipat Samransamruajkit (Thailand)
1145 – 1205	[7.3] Management of aSAH Post-guideline Publication Jose I. Suarez (United States)	[8.3] Cortisol Chaos: The Neuroendocrine Storm After Cardiac Arrest Pon Kah Min (Malaysia)
1205 – 1215	Q&A	Q&A
1215 – 1300	Wembley Ballroom 1 Satellite Lunch Symposium	
1300 – 1415	Lunch, Exhibition & Poster Viewings	
1415 – 1530	Symposium 9 – Ischemic Stroke and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)	Symposium 10 – From Survival to Meaningful Recovery: Recovery, Ethics & Future of Paediatric Neurocritical Care
1415 – 1435	[9.1] What is New in the Care for Severe Ischaemic Stroke? Julian Bösel (Germany)	[10.1] After the Knife: Postoperative Care of Neurosurgical Patients Arun Bansal (India)
1435 – 1455	[9.2] Why Nursing Care is Paramount in the Critical Care of TBI Patients Sarah L. Livesay (United States)	[10.2] Safeguarding the Brain: Neurological Care During and After ECMO Anusha Ganeshalingham (New Zealand)
1455 – 1515	[9.3] Advancing TBI Care: Gaps, Challenges and Opportunities Rohan Mathur (United States)	[10.3] Too Deep, Too Light or Just Right: Sedation in Neurocritical Care Syeda Kashfi Qadri (Singapore)
1515 – 1530	Q&A	Q&A
1530 – 1600	Coffee/Tea Break, Exhibition & Poster Viewings	
1600 – 1700	Symposium 11 – Neurocritical Care Training and Certification	Symposium 12 – Humanising Neurocritical Care: Where Do We Go from Here?
1600 – 1625	[11.1] The United States Model J. Claude Hemphill III (United States)	[12.1] Freeing the Brain: Liberation & Delirium Surveillance Across Ages Joel Lim Kian Boon (Singapore)
1625 – 1650	[11.2] The Singapore Model Will Loh Nee-Hooi (Singapore)	[12.2] At the Bedside: Neurocritical Care Nursing—Expanding Roles & Impact Cornelia Tan Jia Hui (Malaysia)
1650 – 1700	Q&A	Q&A
1930 – 2130	APNCC 2026 Faculty Dinner in Conjunction with the Asian Society for Neuroanesthesiology & Critical Care Welcome Reception (By Invitation)	
End of Day 2		

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MAIN PROGRAMME

5 July 2026, Sunday Day 3, Main Conference		
Time/Room	Adult NCC	Paediatric NCC
	Wembley Ballroom 1	Wembley Ballroom 2
0730 onwards	Registration	
0830 – 0905	Plenary 5 – Neuroprognostication in the Neurocritical Care Unit Jonathan Gomez (United States)	
0905 – 1000	Symposium 13 – Brain Death	Symposium 14 – Hormones on Fire
0905 – 0925	[13.1] Determination of Death by Neurological Criteria: Is There a Global Understanding? Gene Sung (United States)	[14.1] Sugar Highs and Lows: Glycemic Control and Brain Injury Outcomes Olive Lee (Malaysia)
0925 – 0950	[13.2] Brain Death: Challenges in the Malaysian's Perspectives Ismail Tan (Malaysia)	[14.2] Thyroid Storms in PICU: Thyroid Emergencies in NeuroICU Raja Aimee (Malaysia)
0950 – 1000	Q&A	Q&A
1000 – 1030	Coffee/Tea Break, Exhibition & Poster Viewings	
1030 – 1105	Plenary 6 – Curing Coma Campaign J. Claude Hemphill III (United States)	
1105 – 1215	Symposium 15 – Communication with Families of Patients with Severe Acute Brain Injury	Symposium 16 – Debates and Hot Topics: Controversies in Paediatric Neurocritical Care
1105 – 1125	[15.1] How are Family Meetings Organised in Malaysia? Chong Shu Juen (Malaysia)	[16.1] Cultural Dimensions of Brain Death - Challenges Across the World Rujipat Samransamruajkit (Thailand)
1125 – 1145	[15.2] Shared-decision Making in the Neurocritical Care Unit Jonathan Gomez (United States)	[16.2] Global Disparities: Delivering Neurocritical Care in Low-Resource Settings Olive Lee (Malaysia)
1145 – 1205	[15.3] Is There a Best Model of Family-Clinician Interaction? Gene Sung (United States)	[16.3] Psychedelics & Novel Neurotherapeutics: Future in Paediatric Brain Recovery? Hideo Yamanouchi (Japan)
1205 – 1215	Q&A	Q&A
1215 – 1230	Award Presentations & Closing Ceremony	
	Adjourn	

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