

Report for SBNS bursary - ISPN Toronto 2024

**50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Society for Pediatric Neurosurgery  
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Thank you to the SBNS for supporting my trip to Toronto in October 2024 to attend and present at the 50<sup>th</sup> ISPN Annual Meeting, 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> October.

The conference was an inspiring and insightful meeting across several areas. Specifically, the meeting was very educational, with a great range of talks spanning all areas of paediatric neurosurgery, from epilepsy to craniofacial surgery, to neuro-oncology and more. The programme was very well balanced and allowed me to attend several sessions on a range of topics.

The conference featured several global neurosurgery sessions, where I presented my abstract entitled 'Patient and injury characteristics, case-mix and outcomes of paediatric traumatic brain injury at a high-volume tertiary care hospital in India' (see photo). It was a pleasure to present this work on behalf of our research team – an ongoing collaboration between the NIHR Global Health Research Group on Acquired Brain and Spine Injury (ABSI) at the University of Cambridge, and colleagues at Christian Medical College (CMC) in Vellore, India.

I was able to attend two courses running alongside the conference. The pre-conference course 'The Growing Pediatric Spine: Challenges and Solutions' was a very insightful half-day pre-conference course with a mix of lectures, discussions and practical workshops covering topics in paediatric spine such as spinal trauma, scoliosis and more. The post-conference course entitled 'Pediatric Neuroendoscopy and Craniofacial Surgery Hands-On Course' was a full-day practical course addressing surgical techniques in neuro-endoscopy and craniofacial surgery, where I was able to practise techniques on models for endoscopic third ventriculostomy / choroid plexus cauterization, open and endoscopic craniosynostosis surgery, supervised by an expert international faculty.

The meeting was also a great opportunity for networking. I was able to reconnect with existing friends and colleagues and make several new connections which will be incredibly beneficial to my future career.



Presenting our abstract entitled '*Patient and injury characteristics, case-mix and outcomes of paediatric traumatic brain injury at a high-volume tertiary care hospital in India*' in one of the global neurosurgery sessions.