

50th Annual Meeting of the International Society for Pediatric Neurosurgery. Toronto, Canada – 13-17 October 2024

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I would like to thank the SBNS for their support in my attendance at the 50th Annual Meeting of the ISPN in Toronto, Canada.

This is the first ISPN Meeting I have been able to attend, due largely to the support from the SBNS. The conference featured an inspiring range of speakers across paediatric neurosurgery, with internationally renowned leaders in their field delivering talks on a range of subspecialty interests. The programme was not only educationally stimulating, but also carried directly applicable teaching that can be incorporated into daily practice, as well as ideas for future research.

I presented my abstract entitled '*Occult Craniosynostosis in Normocephalic Children with Chiari I Malformation: Causative or Correlative?*'. This is the product of many hours of work and represents one of the largest studies of its kind, so I am very grateful to the team at Birmingham Children's Hospital who have all dedicated their time to work on the project. It was invaluable to be able to discuss our research with the international paediatric neurosurgery community and to interrogate our findings.

The ISPN meeting was also great fun! There is a real sense of community among attendees at the ISPN. It was a fantastic experience being able to rub shoulders (and share plates of chicken wings) with paediatric neurosurgeons from across the world, many of whose research is taught and discussed in our neurosurgery curriculum. The meeting also provided valuable networking opportunities, which will be extremely beneficial when considering fellowship applications in the upcoming years.