

Meeting announcement:

You may or may not be familiar with our regional Southeast neuro-ophthalmology group known as SCHNOPS. This organization was originally founded by Robert Spector, MD with the primary goal of providing a forum once a year for our regional neuro ophthalmologists to discuss particularly challenging cases (usually cases in which the presenter has not been able to determine an answer) and issues in a non-confrontational format. The format of the meeting is that we meet on Friday and Saturday mornings (8 AM to noon) with a casual approach involving case presentations and freewheeling discussions. In 2024, the meeting will be in St. Petersburg/Tampa, Florida on Nov 8 and 9.

Our conference will take place on Friday, Nov 8 and Saturday, Nov 9 2024 at the Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront. (Please plan on arriving on Thursday, Nov 7). The total per room night including tax is: \$219 (\$194 + 13% Tax). Valet parking is \$42 per night (but hotel guests receive a \$5 Discount off prevailing overnight valet parking, plus tax). For the most efficient room reservations, please use the following link: <https://group.hilton.com/va538l> (at Hilton.com). The group code is 91L. If you prefer, the phone number for hotel reservations is +1 727-894-5000 and the group code is 91L. It would be very helpful if you can go ahead and make those reservations soon!

We always have a group dinner on Friday nights. Members that arrive early enough on Thursday evening often go out to dinner together but that is not an official event.

If you are planning on coming to the meeting (regardless of where you are staying), please send an email to me at mitchellwolineye@gmail.com so that I can get an accurate head count for various arrangements. Also, let me know if you plan on joining the group for the informal dinner on Thursday night (location to be determined). The full group dinner will be on Friday night, as usual. {Please be aware that dues only cover the meeting room and breakfast}.

For those that are new to our meeting (and we hope to see many of you!!!) please bring your most puzzling case (or cases) including lab results and pictures of the relevant neuro-imaging. The primary purpose of SCHNOPS is

to be able to have an open, constructive, and nonjudgmental format for discussing our most challenging patients and clinical issues. Remember that our meeting discussions are confidential: anything can be discussed so long as it stays in the room. SCHNOPS is a somewhat unique forum to learn from each other and to open ourselves up to talk about problems and topics in a “safe” setting. It is my personal favorite meeting every year.

The dues each year are \$150, and this covers the costs for the meeting, the meeting room, and breakfasts. Please email me at mitchellwolinye@gmail.com if you would like more information.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Just one nice tourist note – the hotel is very close to the Dali museum, which is really terrific!

Sincerely,

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