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Chest Wall Injury Summit
Salt Lake City, Utah, USA
Wednesday, April 15 – Saturday, April 18, 2026

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Time	Activity
	2026 CWISummit Pre-meetings (by invitation)
0900	CWIS Leadership meeting – KBT 22 - Cottonwood Board Room (by invitation)
1300	Break
1400	Leadership photo shoot (by invitation)
1500	Registration open
1700	Break
1800	<p>Our 2026 CWIS Collaborative Centers dinner is open to any attendees of the CWISummit who are part of a designated CWIS Collaborative Center. We will be the process & criteria, upcoming research projects, program best practices, and more!</p> <p>This experience will be enjoyed at Taqueria 27, a premier dining experience. Open to all CWISummit attendees who are members of a CWIS Collaborative Center or interested in becoming one in the future.</p> <p>Tickets can be purchased online at https://cwisociety.app.neoncrm.com/event.jsp?event=2383&.</p>
2100	Adjourn



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Time	Activity
0645	Registration open
0700	Welcome Back Breakfast <i>All participants</i>
0815	Welcome & 10-Year Birthday Celebration <i>Thomas W. White, MD, FACS, CNSC</i>
0900 (0.50)	Donald Trunkey Keynote Address “Team Flow State: Achieving peak performance” <i>Alejandro M. Spiotta, MD</i> <i>Introduction: Evert A. Eriksson, MD, FACS, FCCM, FCCP</i>
0930 (0.25)	What Should Chest Surgeons Know about Hypermobility? <i>Anne Maitland, MD, PhD</i>
0945 (0.25)	Three Statistical Tools Everyone Should Know for Understanding Published Research <i>Raul Coimbra, MD, PhD, FACS</i>
1000 (0.25)	Transitions #1 <i>Mathieu M.E. Wijffels, MD, PhD</i>
1015	Break
1030 (1.00)	Ortho Chest Wall Challenge <i>Moderated by David J. Weatherby, MD, FRCSC</i>
1130 (0.25)	William B. Long III Award Presentation and Recipient Remarks <i>Introduction: Ronald I. Gross, MD, FACS</i>
1145 (0.25)	William B. Long III Award Recipient Lecture <i>TBA</i>
1200	Industry Lunch & Learns – Day 1



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0620	Breakfast and Registration
0650	Welcome <i>Evert A. Eriksson, MD, FACS, FCCM, FCCP</i>
(1.25)	Scientific Session #1 <i>Moderators: Sophia Toraby, MD & Kurt D. Martinson, MD, FACS</i>
0700	Bending the Learning Curve: Achieving Faster Proficiency with Intrathoracic Surgical Stabilization of Rib Fractures <i>Presenter: TBA</i> <i>Discussant: Richard J. Miskimins, MD, FACS</i>
0712	PIC Scores Improve After Surgical Stabilization of Rib Fractures <i>Presenter: TBA</i> <i>Discussant: Alicia Privette, MD, FACS</i>
0724	Simultaneous Clavicle and Rib Fractures Fixation in Patients with Severe Chest Wall Injuries is Associated with Better Outcomes <i>Presenter: TBA</i> <i>Discussant: Chasen A. Croft, MD, FACS</i>
0736	Surgical stabilisation of non-united sternotomy – a stepwise management algorithm and case series <i>Presenter: TBA</i> <i>Discussant: Mary Langcake, FRACS, FACS</i>
0748	Complications after surgical stabilization of rib fracture – a retrospective cohort study <i>Presenter: TBA</i> <i>Discussant: Ledford Powell, MD, FACS, FCCP, MBA</i>
0800	Chest Wall Collaborative Center Impact on Non-Operative Outcomes <i>Presenter: TBA</i> <i>Discussant: Forest R. Sheppard, MD</i>
0812	Break

Scientific presenter names will be posted in the on-site agenda to maintain pre-meeting author anonymity in journal manuscript review process.



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(1.25)	<p>Scientific Session #2 <i>Moderators: Zachary D. Warriner, MD, FACS & Riaan F. Nel, FC CARDIO (SA), MMED THOR SURG (STELL), MBCHB(PRET)</i></p>
0830	<p>National Variation and Temporal Trends in Guideline-Concordant Surgical Stabilization of Flail Chest <i>Presenter: TBA</i> <i>Discussant: Phillip Antippa, OAM, MBBS, MPH, FRACS</i></p>
0842	<p>Merging Realities: Virtual and Augmented Platforms Utilization for Complex Chest Wall Surgery <i>Presenter: TBA</i> <i>Discussant: John M. Green, MD, FACS</i></p>
0854	<p>Nonoperative Management of Multiple Rib Fractures Results in a High Incidence of Nonunion and Malunion <i>Presenter: TBA</i> <i>Discussant: John S. Mayberry, MD, FACS</i></p>
0906	<p>Better late than never? Efficacy of late surgical stabilization of acute rib fractures as compared to non-operative management <i>Presenter: TBA</i> <i>Discussant: Don H. Van Boerum, MD, FACS</i></p>
0918	<p>The Contemporary Outcome of Flail Chest: TQIP study <i>Presenter: TBA</i> <i>Discussant: Jose Ribas, MD</i></p>
0930	<p>Timing of Regional Anesthesia in Isolated Flail Chest <i>Presenter: TBA</i> <i>Discussant: Jeremy Hsu, MBBS (Hons), FACS, FRCS</i></p>
0942 (0.25)	<p>Transitions #2 <i>Sandy Vang</i></p>
0957	Break



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1030 (1.0)	From the OR to the C-Suite <i>Sebastian D. Schubl, MD, FACS</i> <i>Steven Briggs, MD</i>	Taxonomic Classification of Paravertebral Rib Fractures <i>Mauricio A. Velasquez, MD, FACS</i> <i>Joseph Sucher, MD, FACS</i>
	Slipping Rib & Costal Margin Working Group <i>Evert A. Eriksson, MD, FACS, FCCM, FCCP</i> <i>Mark A. Kryskow, DO, FACS</i>	How to Run the Best Chest Wall Injury Clinic <i>Moderator: Scott Gardner, MMSc, PA-C</i> <i>Jeffrey D. Winter, DPT</i> <i>Michelle C. Woodfall, MS, CNS, CCRN, CEN</i> <i>Natalie Mukherjee, DNP, AGACNP-BC</i>
1130	Move to lunch	
1145	Industry Lunch & Learns – Day 2	
(1.25)	Scientific Session #3 <i>Moderators: Crystal Zhang, MD & Pieter Jan Van Huijstee, MD</i>	
1300	Hybrid Operating Room May Improve the Accuracy of Fracture Localization and Shorten Wound Size in Surgical Stabilization of Rib Fractures <i>Presenter: TBA</i> <i>Discussant: David S. Morris, MD, FACS</i>	
1312	Risk of Heterotopic Ossification After Surgical Stabilization of Rib Fractures: A Matched Cohort Analysis <i>Presenter: TBA</i> <i>Discussant: Bradley W. Thomas, MD, FACS</i>	
1324	SMuRFS 5: Impact of the ShCh Shoulder-Chest Classification of Lateral Implosion Injuries <i>Presenter: TBA</i> <i>Discussant: Carl R. Hanson, DO</i>	
1336	Rib Fixation Still Helps: Surgical Stabilization of Rib Fractures in Traumatic Brain Injury, A TQIP Study <i>Presenter: TBA</i> <i>Discussant: Cassandra Krause, MD</i>	
1348	Intraoperative Findings and Complications After Surgical Stabilization of Rib Fractures: A 3-Year Level I Trauma Center Experience <i>Presenter: TBA</i> <i>Discussant: George J. Philip, MD, MPH, FACS, FCCP</i>	
1400	Factors Associated with Mortality in 1054 Geriatric Rib Fracture Patients <i>Presenter: TBA</i> <i>Discussant: Kaushik Mukherjee, MD, MBA, MSCI, FACS</i>	
1412	CWIS Presidential Trivia <i>All CWIS Presidents – Past, President, & Future</i>	
1430	Adjourn	



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0715	Breakfast & Registration
0800	Welcome <i>Stefan Schulz-Drost, MD, PhD, FEBS</i>
0805 (0.75)	Presidential Address <i>Evert A. Eriksson, MD, FACS, FCCM, FCCP</i> <i>Introduction by Sean T. Dieffenbaugher, MD, FACS</i>
(1.00)	Scientific Session #4 <i>Moderators: William B. DeVoe, MD, FACS & Didier Lardinois, MD, FEBCTS, PhD</i>
0845	Fracture Patterns in Blunt Thoracic Trauma with Concomitant Diaphragmatic Injuries <i>Presenter: TBA</i> <i>Discussant: Thomas W. White, MD, FACS</i>
0857	Implementation of a Rib Fracture Functional Assessment Tool to Guide Surgical Decision Making <i>Presenter: TBA</i> <i>Discussant: Joshua Gazzetta, DO</i>
0909	Traumatic Hemothorax Activates Complement, Stimulates Pro-Inflammatory Cytokine Release, and Primes Neutrophils for Local Inflammatory Reactive Oxygen Species Production <i>Presenter: TBA</i> <i>Discussant: Gina R. Golden, MD, FACS</i>
0921	Chest Tube Size Does Not Influence Pleural Re-Intervention Rates After Rib Fracture Stabilization <i>Presenter: TBA</i> <i>Discussant: Caitlin Cohan, MD</i>
0933	Are All Flails Equal? A review of mortality based on the severity of flail segments in chest wall trauma <i>Presenter: TBA</i> <i>Discussant: Richard Lesperance, MD, FACS</i>
0945	It Is Not the Output, It Is the Injury That Matters: Chest tube management after surgical stabilization of rib fractures <i>Presenter: TBA</i> <i>Discussant: Matthijs van Gool, MD, PhD</i>
0957 (0.25)	Transitions #3 <i>Carrie A. Valdez, MD, FACS</i>
1012	Break



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(1.25)	<p>Scientific Session #5 <i>Moderators: Nina S. Cohen, MD & Joseph S. Fernandez-Moure MD, MS, FACS</i></p>
1030	<p>A Single-Surgery-Approach in High Energy Chest Wall Trauma with Concomittant Injury to the Shoulder Girdle - Surgical technique and initial results of a case series <i>Presenter: TBA</i> <i>Discussant: Daniel G. Cuadrado, MD, FACS, FCCP</i></p>
1042	<p>Does Surgical Fixation of Flail Chest Injuries Improve Pulmonary Function? Results from a multi-center RCT <i>Presenter: TBA</i> <i>Discussant: Christopher Demme, MD</i></p>
1054	<p>Anatomic Variability of the Ribs and Costal Cartilage: A pilot study <i>Presenter: TBA</i> <i>Discussant: Daniel L. Miller, MD</i></p>
1106	<p>C-QoL vs PROMIS10 <i>Presenter: TBA</i> <i>Discussant: Husayn Ladhani, MD</i></p>
1118	<p>Surgical Stabilization of Rib Fractures in Patients with a Perioperative Diagnosis of Pneumonia <i>Presenter: TBA</i> <i>Discussant: Renford Cindass, Jr., MD</i></p>
1130	<p>The Precise Anatomical Location of the Intercostal Nerve: Positional variability in human cadavers <i>Presenter: TBA</i> <i>Discussant: Hon Lok David Lo, MD</i></p>
1142 (0.50)	<p>CWIS Pioneer Award Presentation and Recipient Remarks</p>
1212	<p>Lunch</p>



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1300 (0.50)	CWIS – KLS Martin Resident Research Fellowship in Chest Wall Injury Outcomes Award 2025 Research Project Review: <i>Jessica Xu, MD, MS</i> 2026 Research Award Presentation: <i>Nathan Risk, MD</i>
1330 (1.00)	CWIS Case Review <i>Moderators: Bradley Faliks, MD; Kyle Schmitt, MD</i> <i>Presenters:</i> <i>Jordan M. Kirsch, DO; Marika Gassner, DO, FACS; Scott Zakaluzny, MD</i>
1430 (0.25)	Transitions #4 <i>D. Benjamin Christie, III, MD, FACS</i>
1445	Break
1500 (0.75)	<i>Current CWIS Research Projects</i> TBA
1545	Awards Presentation <i>CWISummit Program Committee</i>
1600	Presidential Transfer <i>Evert A. Eriksson, MD, FACS, FCCM, FCCP & Stefan Schulz-Drost, MD, PhD, FEBS</i>
1615	Closing Remarks <i>Thomas W. White, MD, FACS, CNSC</i>
1630	Adjourn

Saturday Evening	
Saturday Evening Celebration – Join CWIS at our 2026 CWISummit Gala from 1800 – 2100 at Squatters Pub Brewery in downtown Salt Lake City. We will enjoy food, fun, music, and more!	
Tickets can be purchased as part of your course registration process or online here: https://square.link/u/BEhqkDiy	