

Editorial

Indian Society of Peripheral Nerve Surgery (ISPNS): Bridging a Legacy of Excellence with a Future of Innovation

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The Indian Society for Peripheral Nerve Surgery (ISPNS) was established with the primary aim of bringing together like-minded professionals dedicated to the treatment of brachial plexus and peripheral nerve injuries. Over time, however, the society has wisely evolved to include two additional, highly relevant domains for neurosurgeons: pain management and neuromodulation. Historically overlooked by most societies, these fields are now receiving the attention they deserve under the umbrella of the ISPNS.

In the past 2 years, the ISPNS has successfully organized several workshops and conferences that have demonstrated the significance of these areas. These include a workshop cum conference on neuromodulation and a live operative workshop on pain procedures,^{1,2} both hosted at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi. These events were met with overwhelming participation, emphasizing their relevance to the ISPNS's mission. Building on this momentum, the society conducted a cadaveric workshop on pain procedures in November 2024, also at AIIMS, New Delhi.³ This workshop stood out by offering demonstrations of both ultrasound- and fluoroscopic-guided techniques. Nearly 100 delegates had the invaluable opportunity for hands-on cadaveric training, a unique feature of this event.

Despite this expansion, the core focus of the ISPNS remains steadfast: advancing the management of brachial plexus and peripheral nerve injuries. To this end, the society has conducted two cadaveric workshops on brachial plexus injury management in the past year. The most recent event was held from December 4 to 5, 2024, at AIIMS, New Delhi.^{4,5} The concentration of key society members—including the secretary, treasurer, editor, and several executive committee members—at AIIMS, New Delhi, has undoubtedly contributed to this institute's

leadership role in ISPNS training and education initiatives. However, it is imperative that other institutions, particularly other AIIMS across India, step forward to inspire and train the next generation of surgeons in these specialized fields.

With a growing membership of almost 400, including more than 160 new members added in the past year alone, the ISPNS has emerged as a significant force in the field.⁶ Its continued efforts and expanding influence suggest a bright future ahead for the society and its mission.

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