



# WORLD TETRAHAND CONGRESS

Stoke Mandeville Hospital and  BSSH THE BRITISH SOCIETY OF HAND SURGEONS

21st - 23rd September  
2026

Waterside Theatre  
Aylesbury

## Main Congress Programme

Day 1 - 22nd September 2026	
	<b>Opening</b>
9.30	Patient opening
	Welcome by CEO/NSIC lead
	From Vision to Reality: Journey to the World Tetrahand Congress at Stoke Mandeville
	From Unmet Need to Universal Access
	Tetrahand in 2026: A Global Problem of Access, Equity and Capacity
	The Patient Voice: What Matters Most in Tetrahand Reconstruction
11.00	Refreshment break
	<b>Biomechanics and tendon transfers</b>
11.30	Guttmann Memorial Lecture: The Biomechanics Behind Successful Tetrahand Surgery
	Optimising Tendon Transfer Surgery: Pearls and Pitfalls
	Therapist-Led Planning: From Assessment to Action
12.00	Free papers x 4 (5 mins each)
	Problem cases x 2
	Discussion
13.00	Lunch
	<b>Nerve transfers</b>
14.00	Nerve Regeneration in SCI: Why Nerve Transfers Work — and Why They Sometimes Don't
	The Power of Combined Techniques: Nerve and Tendon Transfer
	Rehab as Treatment, Not Just Support: Alone and Alongside Surgery
14.30	Free papers x4
	Challenging cases x2
	Discussion
15.00	Refreshment break
	<b>Technology and Research</b>
15.30	Motor Point Mapping and Functional Electrical Stimulation in Tetrahand Care
	The Role of Intraoperative Stimulation: Assessing Function, Guiding Decisions
	Applied Neurophysiology in Tetrahand: From Assessment to Decision Making
	Implantable Technologies in Tetrahand Care: An Update
16.30	Free papers x4
	Challenging cases x2
	Discussion
19.30	Congress Dinner at Opuz, Aylesbury

	<b>Day 2 - 23rd September 2026</b>
9.00	<b>Spasticity</b>
	Spasticity in SCI: Current Understanding and Contemporary Management
	Pharmacological Management of Spasticity in SCI
	Rehabilitation Approaches to Spasticity Management in SCI
	Functional Reconstruction of the Spastic Hand in Tetraplegia
	Free papers x4
	Challenging cases x2
	Discussion
11.00	Refreshment break
11.30	<b>Higher level cervical cord injury and older patients</b>
	Management of higher level injuries: IC0-2
	Measuring Success in Spasticity Management: Outcomes That Matter
	Why Videography Matters in Tetrahand: Assessment, Planning, and Outcomes
13.00	Lunch
14.00	<b>Round the World</b>
	European perspective
	Oceania perspective
	Indian perspective
	North American perspective
	The next 4 years...
15.30	Refreshment break
16:00	<b>The rest</b>
	Building a tetrahand team
	Salvage and Revision Surgery
	Direct Spinal Cord Stimulation
	The Psychological Journey of Tetrahand Reconstruction
	Tetrahand Care in Kids
	Closing Remarks