

FORTE 2026

Forum for
Orthopaedic
Research,
Technology
& Education

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Wherever you stand on robotic surgery — this conversation is for you.

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Perhaps you've been doing excellent knee replacements for years without a robot and you're unconvinced the technology adds anything you don't already have. Perhaps you're curious, but the cost, the learning curve, and the marketing noise have left you with more questions than answers. Perhaps you're already on a platform and ready to go deeper. Wherever you are, the questions are the same —and they deserve honest answers.

Does the robot actually change outcomes? What does it demand of the surgeon? And is the investment — in money, in time, in retraining — genuinely worth it?

FORTE 2026 doesn't assume you're a convert. It assumes you're a thinking surgeon. The central truth this forum is built on is simple: the robot is only as good as the surgeon behind it. Just as you once learned the language of instruments, bone, and soft tissue in conventional arthroplasty, robotic surgery asks you to learn a new one — kinematics, real-time data, tension mapping, workflow. That learning is not automatic, and it is not trivial. FORTE exists to make it rigorous, honest, and worth your time.

Time Slot	Title	Speaker
8:15 AM –8:30 AM	Inauguration	
SESSION 1: Fundamentals & Pre-operative Planning		
08:30 AM – 08:40 AM	Patient Selection & Optimisation — Who? When? How?	Dr. Ajith Kumar
08:40 AM – 08:50 AM	Modern Implant Designs: What's New? What's Next?	Dr. Manan Shah
08:50 AM – 09:00 AM	The Medial Pivot Knee	Dr. Sameer Ali
09:00 AM – 09:10 AM	Implant Surfaces & Materials Update	Dr. Srinivas Thati
09:10 AM – 09:20 AM	Isolated Medial compartment OA	Dr. Mukesh Laddha
09:20 AM – 09:30 AM	Panel Q&A — Session 1	
SESSION 2: Anaesthesia & Pain Management		
9:30 AM – 9:40 AM	Don't do a Bilateral TKA. Unless...	Dr. Vaibhav Bagaria
9:40 AM – 9:50 AM	Best Practices from an Anaesthetist	Dr. Renny Chacko
9:50 AM – 10:00 AM	Periarticular Cocktails and Managing post operative pain	Dr. Manan Shah
10:00 AM–10:45 AM TEA BREAK + INDUSTRY EXHIBITION (45 minutes) Exhibit halls open · Industry partners · Hands-on product displays · Network with faculty		

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SESSION 3: Alignment Philosophy & Definitions		
10:50 AM – 11:00 AM	Definitions & Principles of Alignment	Dr. Payam Tarassoli
11:00 AM – 11:10 AM	CPAK in the Indian Population	Dr. Jai Thilak
11:10 AM – 11:20 AM	Mechanical Alignment — Principles & Evidence	Dr. John T John
11:20 AM – 11:30 AM	Balancing a KA knee Real time	Dr. Brett Fritsch
11:30 AM – 11:40 AM	Kinematic Alignment — Rationale & Evidence	Dr. Payam Tarassoli
11:40 AM – 11:50 AM	Combined Panel Session 2 & 3	
11:50 AM –12:05 PM KEYNOTE ADDRESS (15 minutes) — Why Robotics? The Case for Technology in Arthroplasty: Brett Fritsch		
12:15 PM – 1:00 PM Lunch (45 minutes) Faculty lunch room, Delegate lunch area open		
1:00 PM–2:00 PM Robotic Platform Workshop (60 minutes)		
SESSION 4: Technology & The Robot		
2:00 PM – 2:10 PM	Robotic TKA — Platforms & Workflow Overview	Dr. Murukan Babu
2:10 PM – 2:20 PM	The Evidence & Registry: What Does the Data Really Show for Robotics?	Dr. Payam Tarassoli
2:20 PM – 2:30 PM	The Learning Curve — Steps Before the Leap	Dr. Vikram Shetty
2:30 PM – 2:40 PM	Using Technology to Achieve a Better Balanced TKR	Dr. Brett Fritsch
2:40 PM – 2:50 PM	Patella Resurfacing & Robotics	Dr. Mukesh Laddha
2:50 PM – 3:00 PM	Sagittal Plane Considerations & Errors	Dr. George Jacob
3:00 PM – 3:10 PM	ROI on the Robot	Dr. Adarsh Annapareddy

Time Slot	Title	Speaker
3:10 PM – 3:20 PM	Technology & the Unicompartmental Knee Replacement	Dr. Sameer Ali
3:20 PM – 3:30 PM	Complex Primary & Revision Arthroplasty with Robotics	Dr. Ashok K
3:30 PM – 3:40 PM	AI & Arthroplasty, the Coming Wave	Dr. Payam Tarassoli
3:40 PM – 3:55 PM	Panel Q&A — Session 4	
SESSION 5: Controversies & Current Evidence		
4:00 PM– 4:10 PM	Cement-less TKA? Again?	Dr. Adarsh Annapareddy
4:10 PM – 4:20 PM	The Hypoplastic LFC Doesn't Exist — Data Over Dogma	Dr. Brett Fritsch
4:20 PM – 4:30 PM	Subvastus vs Medial Parapatellar Approach	Dr. Manan Shah
SESSION 6: Post-operative Care & Future		
4:30 PM – 4:40 PM	TKA & Infection Prevention — What Does the Evidence Say?	Dr. Srinivas Thati
4:40 PM – 4:50 PM	Fast-Track Protocols: Same-Day Discharge — Are We Ready?	Dr. Vikram Mhaskar
4:50 PM – 5:00 PM	Common Early Complications & the Dissatisfied TKA	Dr. Vikram Mhaskar
5:00 PM – 5:10 PM	Modern TKA Rehab, Trackers & New Horizons	Dr. Raviteja Rudraraju
5:10 PM–5:30 PM EXPERT PANEL, CLOSING REMARKS & VOTE OF THANKS Where are we headed? What did we learn today?		

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