



Georgia Hand & Upper Extremity Special Interest Group Annual Conference

April 24-25, 2026

Unicoi State Park & Lodge, 1788 GA-356, Helen, GA 30545

16 CEUs

Friday, April 24, 2026

- 7:45 Welcome & Announcements
- 8:00-10:00 Ann Poretto -Loehrke, PT, DPT, CHT, COMT, CMTPT “Cervical spine and Thoracic Outlet Screening”
- 10:00-10:15 Break with exhibitors
- 10:15-11:15 Jeanine Beasley, EdD OTR CHT, FAOTA “Extensor Tendon”
- 11:15-12:15 Jeanine Beasley, EdD, OTR, CHT, FAOTA “The Arthritic Hand”
- 12:15-1:15 Lunch provided
- 1:15-2:45 Kendra Noel, MOT/L, CHT & Elisa Sammons Hardin, OTR/L, CHT “Pediatric hand therapy: Current trends and practical applications”
- 2:45-3:00 Break with exhibitors
- 3:00-5:00 Ann Poretto -Loehrke, PT, DPT, CHT, COMT, CMTPT “Clinical Manual Assessment of the Wrist”

Saturday, April 25, 2026

- 7:45 Announcements
- 8:00-10:00 Alison Taylor, OTR/L, CHT, CKTI “Using alternative approaches of treating pain, ROM issues and dysfunctional movements”
- 10:00-10:15 Break with exhibitors
- 10:15-11:15 Bryan Sirmon, MD “Psychosocial Aspects of Hand Conditions”
- 11:15-12:15 Bryan Sirmon, MD “Operative concerns for difficult extensor tendon repairs”
- 12:15-1:15 Lunch provided
- 1:15-2:15 Ben Puckett, MD “Ulnar sided Wrist Pain and Considerations”
- 2:15-2:30 Break with exhibitors
- 2:30-4:30 - Mike Mueller, OTR, CHT “Typing it All Together – Kinetic Chain Approach to Maximize Upper Extremity Outcomes”