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**NASS and the McKenzie Institute to Host International Meeting  
on Mechanical Diagnosis and Therapy**

*--Early Registration Rate Ends June 11--*

**Burr Ridge, IL**—The North American Spine Society (NASS) and the McKenzie Institute International (MII) will present the [14th International Conference in Mechanical Diagnosis and Therapy](#) in San Francisco, September 22-24, 2017. This conference will feature podium presentations and panel discussions with some of the world’s leading experts in the field of musculoskeletal diagnosis and management. Continuing education credit is available for physical therapists, chiropractors and physicians.

“The theme, ‘Patients Come First—Exploring Optimal Care,’ could not be more timely,” said NASS President and Conference Chairman F. Todd Wetzel, MD. “As medicine continues to advance by leaps and bounds, it is critical that health providers stay focused on what is truly important: the needs of the patient with evidence-based care.”

Keynote speakers and panelists will include noted experts:

- Pierre Côté, DC, PhD
- Carrie Diulus, MD
- Mark Hancock, PT, PhD
- Michael Heggeness, MD, PhD
- Adriaan Louw, PT, PhD, CSMT
- Tamar Pincus, PhD
- Heidi Prather, DO
- Annina Schmid, PhD, M.Manip.Ther, PT
- Matthew Smuck, MD
- Andry Vleeming, PhD
- Mark Werneke, PT, MS, Dip.MDT
- F. Todd Wetzel, MD

**14<sup>th</sup> International Conference in  
Mechanical Diagnosis and Therapy**

September 22-24, 2017  
Hyatt Regency, San Francisco, CA

[Registration](#)

*Before June 11:   \$729*  
*June 12–July 16:  \$779*  
*After July 17:     \$829*

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A preconference workshop, “Target Your Management: How to Detect and Address Psychological Issues in People with Pain,” will be held on September 22, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., for an additional \$130. Chaired by Tamar Pincus, PhD, the workshop will help participants understand how to determine patient needs in a comprehensive setting, including psychological assessment, as well as validated treatment options, which can be offered by the clinician.

NASS is a global multidisciplinary medical society that utilizes education, research and advocacy to foster the highest quality, ethical, value- and evidence-based spine care for patients. NASS is comprised of more than 8,000 members from several disciplines, including orthopedic surgery, neurosurgery, physiatry, neurology, radiology, anesthesiology, research and physical therapy. For more information, visit [www.spine.org](http://www.spine.org) and find NASS on [NASS Facebook](#) and [NASS Twitter](#).

The McKenzie Institute International (MII), based in New Zealand, is the sanctioned provider of training and certification in the McKenzie Method of Mechanical Diagnosis and Therapy (MDT), a scientifically proven assessment process that identifies the best treatment solutions for cervical, thoracic, lumbar and extremity problems. MII governs and grants licenses to branches worldwide as the only sanctioned centers for postgraduate study in MDT (currently 28 branches). Institute branches deliver the training and certification based on a structured curriculum meeting the highest educational standards. MII also manages the international Diploma Program in MDT, the premier level of training in the method. The McKenzie Institute USA began training and certifying American physical therapists in the 1980s. Today there are thousands of MDT practitioners across the country. For more information, visit <http://www.mckenzieinstituteusa.org/>.

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