



## International Society of Pain and Neuroscience (ISPN)

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Thursday, October 22, 2026	
12:00-4:00P	<b>Exhibitor Set Up</b> Room Name: Zurich
8:00A-12:00P	<b>Ultrasound Lab</b> Course Directors: Giuliano Lo Bianco and Ali Valimahomed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 8:00-8:10A - Welcome &amp; Course Overview</li> <li>● 8:10-8:25A - Ultrasound Fundamentals &amp; Sonoanatomy Essentials (focused, practical)</li> <li>● 8:25-8:35A - Patient Selection &amp; Procedure Strategy (case-based, rapid-fire)</li> <li>● 8:35-11:35A - Hands-On Ultrasound Lab – 5 Rotating Stations, 35-minutes per rotation               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MSK &amp; Peripheral Nerve Entrapments (Upper Limb) - David Dickerson (USA), Reda Tolba (UAE)</li> <li>○ MSK &amp; Peripheral Nerve Entrapments (Lower Limb) - Adnan Al-Kaisy (UK), Robert Moghim (USA)</li> <li>○ Lumbar Spine &amp; Sacrum - Anuj Bhatia (Canada), David Brinkman (NL)</li> <li>○ Trunk (Thoracic Spine and Abdomen) - Victor Pacheco (Brazil)</li> <li>○ Cervical Spine &amp; Head Pain - Michael Gofeld (Canada)</li> </ul> </li> <li>● 11:35-11:50A - Advanced Applications &amp; Future Directions (regenerative, PNS, hybrid imaging) - Massimo Allegri</li> <li>● 11:50A-12:00P - Wrap-Up, Key Takeaways &amp; Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
12:00-1:00P	<b>Lunch - Sponsorship Available</b> <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>
1:00-2:30P	<b>ISPN Board of Directors Meeting</b> Room Name:
1:00-5:00P	<b>Regenerative Medicine Lab</b> Course Director: Sudhir Diwan Faculty: Jesus Medina
2:30-4:30P	<b>Young Innovator Pre-Conference Sessions</b> Course Directors: Harry Soar and David van Vemde Young Innovators Committee Chair: Martina Rekatsina <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>From Fellow to Force: Building a High-Impact Career in Pain Medicine</b>                Faculty: Vinny Francio, Anuj Shah, Benjamin Gill, Sheila Black, Timothy Deer                This session is aimed at providing practical, real-world guidance for engaged and motivated early-career pain physicians. Topics will include making the most of training and the early consultant/attending years, personal and professional development, skills acquisition, research involvement, and building meaningful professional networks.</li> <li>● <b>Inventing Impact: Turning Pain Innovation into Clinical Reality</b>                Faculty: Jason Hannon, Ben Goss, Christopher Gilligan, Ganesan Baranidharan, Kavita Poply                This session will focus on how an idea becomes a real-world clinical solution. We plan to cover the full journey- from idea generation and IP protection, through prototyping, regulatory pathways and early clinical trials, to</li> </ul>

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	commercialization and widespread clinical adoption. Speakers will include industry representatives, regulators, and clinician-researchers. <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>
4:30-5:00P	<b>Young Innovator Reception Sponsored by Mainstay</b> Hosted by: Harry Soar, David Van Vemde and Jan Willem Kallewaard
5:00P	<b>Welcome Reception with Exhibits</b> Hosted by Dawood Sayed, Timothy R. Deer Room Name: Zurich <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>

Friday, October 23, 2026		
7:45A	Registration Opens	
Time (GMT)	Topic	Speakers
<b>Day 1 - Innovative Options for Pain Management</b>		
<b>Regenerative and Restorative Medicine</b> Room Name: Matterhorn		
8:15-8:20A	<b>Welcome to ISPN 2026: The Global Spine &amp; Pain Revolution</b>	<b>Harold Nijhuis, Jan-Willem Kallewaard</b>
8:20-8:30A	<b>Advancements in Regenerative Medicine</b>	<b>Kasra Amirdelfan</b>
8:30-8:45A	<b>Orthobiologics: Has the Time Arrived to Incorporate Regenerative Medicine into Your Practice?</b>	<b>Moderated by Kasra Amirdeflan, Douglas P. Beall</b> <b>Panelists:</b> Jordan Tate, Sudhir Diwan, Ricardo Ruiz Lopez, Aaron Calodney, Jose De Andres, Corey Hunter
8:45-9:00A	<b>Cellular, Acellular or Synthetic: The Research, the Evidence and the Indications</b>	<b>Moderated by Douglas P. Beall, Sudhir Diwan</b> <b>Panelists:</b> Jon Carlson, Stanley Golovac, Christopher Robinson, David Brinkman, Dan Bates, Ansar Mahmood
9:00-9:15A	<b>Restorative Neuromodulation for Low Back Pain: Patient Selection, Evidence, and International Experience</b>	<b>Moderated by Vivek Mehta, Vinny Francio</b> <b>Panelists:</b> Craig Montgomery, David Abejon, Simon Thomson, Harry Soar, Chris Gilligan, Kiran Patel
9:15-9:25A	<b>Moderated Q&amp;A</b>	<b>Moderated by Kasra Amirdeflan</b> <b>All Faculty</b>
<b>Intrathecal Therapies</b> Room Name: Matterhorn		
9:25-9:35A	<b>Intrathecal Therapies -(Title TBD by the lecturer)</b>	<b>Georgios Matis</b>
9:35-9:50A	<b>The Current and Future of Targeted Drug Delivery in Common Indications</b>	<b>Moderated by Amin Elyas, Sheila Black</b> <b>Panelists:</b> Georgios Matis, Fabricio Assis, Sam Eldabe, Adam Williams, Salim Hayek, Konstantin Slavin

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9:50-10:05A	<b>Cancer Pain:</b> Practical Implementation of Targeted Drug Delivery for Chronic Cancer Pain and Beyond	<b>Moderated by Alaa Abd-Elseyed, Jason Pope</b> <b>Panelists:</b> Ricardo Plancarte, Ashish Gulve, Maarten Moens, Aaron Calodney, Melissa Murphy, Jan Vesper
10:05-10:15A	<b>Moderated Q&amp;A</b>	<b>Jason Pope</b>
10:15-10:45A	<b>Break with Exhibits and Abstract Poster Viewing</b> <b>Room Name: Zurich</b> <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	
<b>Top Abstracts Part 1</b> <b>Room Name: Matterhorn</b>		
10:45-10:47A	<b>ISPN Top Abstracts</b>	<b>Kasra Amirdelfan</b>
10:47-10:53A	<b>Top Abstract 1:</b>	
10:53-10:59A	<b>Top Abstract 2:</b>	
10:59-11:05A	<b>Top Abstract 3:</b>	
11:05-11:11A	<b>Top Abstract 4:</b>	
<b>Ablative Therapies</b> <b>Room Name: Matterhorn</b>		
11:11-11:20A	<b>New Frontiers in Ablative Therapy</b>	<b>G Baranidharan</b>
11:20-11:35A	<b>The Evolution &amp; Innovation in Facet Disease Treatments: Is There a New Treatment of Choice?</b>	<b>Moderated by Nameer Haider, Ashley Bailey-Classen</b> <b>Panelists:</b> Michael Gofeld, Leonardo Kapural, Fabricio Assis, Wout van Oosterwyck, Jan Vesper, Stephen Ward
11:35-11:50A	<b>Basivertebral Nerve Ablation:</b> Updates on Evidence, Technique, and Patient Selection	<b>Moderated by Dawood Sayed, Kiran Patel</b> <b>Panelists:</b> Ramo Naidu, Douglas P. Beall, Nomen Azeem, Richard Ibrahim, Vinny Francio, Jad Khalil
11:50-12:00P	<b>Moderated Q&amp;A</b>	<b>G Baranidharan</b>
12:00-12:10P	<b>Transition to Lunch</b>	
12:10-1:00P	<b>Lunch Symposium Sponsored by Abbott</b> <i>Sponsored symposia will NOT be part of the CME program, nor eligible for CME credit</i>	
1:00-1:10P	<b>Transition to Sessions</b>	
<b>Industry Panels</b> <b>Room Name: Matterhorn</b> <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>		
1:10-1:30P	<b>Challenges in Global Expansion of New Technologies</b>	<b>Moderated by Timothy Deer, Dawood Sayed</b>

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1:30-1:50P	Industry TBD	Moderated by Jason E. Pope, Kasra Amirdelfan
1:50-2:05P	Industry TBD	Moderated by Steven M. Falowski, Reda Tolba
<b>Artificial Intelligence</b> Room Name: Matterhorn		
2:05-2:20P	Artificial Intelligence and How It Will Impact Global Spine and Pain Care (Title TBD by the lecturer)	Robert Moghim
2:20-2:35P	The Modernization of Pain Practices with AI Tools: The Current Available Options	Moderated by Robert Moghim, Usman Latif Panelists: Lisa Goudman, Anuj Bhatia, Derron Wilson, John Prunskis, Melissa Murphy, Giuliano Lo Bianco
2:35-2:50P	How Will Artificial Intelligence Change Patient Selection, Technique and Surgical Outcomes around the World?	Moderated by Melissa Murphy, Krishnan Chakravarthy Panelists: Lisa Goudman, Usman Latif, Christopher Robinson, Giuliano Lo Bianco, Pankaj Mehta, Giustino Varrassi
2:50-3:00P	Moderated Q&A	Robert Moghim
3:00-3:30P	Break with Exhibits Room Name: Zurich <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	
<b>Pharmacologics</b> Room Name: Matterhorn		
3:30-3:45P	Novel Pharmacological Agents in Pain Management - (Title TBD by the lecturer)	Xander Zuidema
3:45-4:00P	Beyond Opioids: How a New Generation of Medications Will Change Pain Management	Moderated by Jan Willem Kallewaard, David Dickerson Panelists: Jose De Andres, Xander Zuidema, Haggai Sharon, Vivek Mehta, Kavita Poply, Martina Rekatsina
4:00-4:15P	The Role of Nutraceuticals in Wellness and Chronic Pain	Moderated by Timothy Deer, Angel Boev Panelists: Massimo Allegri, Christopher Robinson, Kiran Patel, Jordan Tate, Timothy T. Davis, Dan Bates
4:15-4:25P	Moderated Q&A	Jan Willem Kallewaard
<b>Late Breaking Abstracts</b> Room Name: Matterhorn		
4:25-4:35P	TBD Late Breaking	
4:35-4:45P	TBD Late Breaking	
4:45-5:00P	Day 1 Closing Remarks	Jan Willem Kallewaard, Harold Nijhuis, Krishnan Chakravarthy
5:00-6:00P	Reception with Exhibits Room Name: Zurich <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	

## Saturday, October 24, 2026

Time (GMT)	Topic	Speakers
7:30A	<b>Registration Opens</b>	
<b>Day 2 Neuromodulation</b>		
<b>Expanding Indications in Neuromodulation</b> Room Name: Matterhorn		
8:00-8:05A	<b>Welcome Day 2</b>	<b>Harold Nijhuis, Jan Willem Kallewaard</b>
8:05-8:20A	<b>Expanding the Boundaries:</b> Emerging Indications in Neuromodulation	<b>Timothy Deer</b>
8:20-8:35A	<b>Restoring Perfusion:</b> The Expanding Role of SCS in Ischemic Disease	<b>Moderated by Harold Nijhuis, Jan Willem Kallewaard</b> <b>Panelists:</b> Naoufel Ouerchefani, Jarek Maciaczyk, Frank Wille, Wout van Oosterwyck, Martina Rekatsina, Mark Malinowski
8:35-8:50A	<b>Neuromodulation in Painful Diabetic Neuropathy:</b> Real-world Evidence and Patient Selection	<b>Moderated by Steven Falowski, Krishnan Chakravarthy</b> <b>Panelists:</b> Ashish Gulve, Aaron Calodney, Cecil de Vos, Kenneth B. Chapman, Tiago Freitas, Sean Li
8:50-9:00A	<b>Moderated Q&amp;A</b>	<b>Jason Pope</b>
<b>Spinal Cord Stimulation</b> Room Name: Matterhorn		
9:00-9:15A	<b>The Intelligent Era of Spinal Cord Stimulation:</b> Innovation Across Platforms	<b>Dawood Sayed</b>
9:15-9:30A	<b>The Neuromodulation Ecosystem:</b> Closed Loop, Remote Monitoring, Personalized Multi-waveform & AI Driven SCS	<b>Moderated by Kasra Amirdelfan, Timothy Deer</b> <b>Panelists:</b> Harold Nijhuis, Usman Latif, Isaac Pena, Jan Willem Kallewaard, Stephano Palmisani, Tiago Freitas
9:30-9:45A	<b>Rethinking SCS Systems:</b> Advancing the Neural Interface in SCS Hardware & Lead Design	<b>Moderated by Steven Falowski, Jason Pope</b> <b>Panelists:</b> Dirk De Ridder, Jarek Maciaczyk, Rob Levy, Leonardo Kapural, Konstantin Slavin, Ilona Obara
9:45-10:00A	<b>Is DRG Stimulation Underutilized Worldwide?</b> Barriers to Adoption Across Borders and a Global Perspective for Therapy Expansion	<b>Moderated by Derron Wilson, Reda Tolba</b> <b>Panelists:</b> Kenneth B. Chapman, Stefan Schu, Jan Vesper, Pankaj Mehta, Frank Huygen, Kiran Patel

10:00-10:30A	<b>Break with Exhibits and Abstract Poster Viewing</b> <b>Room Name: Zurich</b> <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	
<b>Top Abstracts Part 2</b> <b>Room Name: Matterhorn</b>		
10:30-10:32A	ISPN Top Abstracts	Kasra Amirdelfan
10:32-10:39A	Top Abstract:	
10:39-10:46A	Top Abstract:	
10:46-10:53A	Top Abstract:	
10:53-11:00A	Top Abstract:	
11:10-11:20A	Transition to Lunch	
11:20A-12:20P	<b>Lunch Symposium Sponsored by Medtronic</b> <i>Sponsored symposia will NOT be part of the CME program, nor eligible for CME credit</i>	
12:20-12:30P	Transition to Sessions	
<b>Peripheral Nerve Stimulation</b> <b>Room Name: Matterhorn</b>		
12:30-12:45P	<b>ISPN Hall of Fame Lecture:</b> Innovative Neuromodulation Therapies for Head and Facial Pain	<b>Presented by 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award Winner,</b> <b>Jean-Pierre Van Buyten</b>
12:45-1:00P	<b>Peripheral Nerve Stimulation: Foundations, Clinical Applications and Future Directions</b>	<b>Moderated by Ali Valimahomed, Reda Tolba</b> <b>Panelists:</b> Morad Nasseri, Corey W. Hunter, Sheila Black, Naoufel Querchefani, Stefan Schu, Jan Vesper
1:00-1:15P	<b>The Best Targets in PNS for Effective Therapy</b>	<b>Moderated by Harry Soar, Jean-Pierre Van Buyten</b> <b>Panelists:</b> Jarek Maciacyk, Simon Thomson, Eric Cornidez, Jordan Tate, Sinan Barazi, David Dickerson
1:15-1:30P	<b>Peripheral Nerve Stimulation for Craniofacial Pain and Headache Disorders</b>	<b>Moderated by Alaa Abd-Elseyed, Salim Hayek</b> <b>Panelists:</b> Sinan Barazi, Konstantin Slavin, Yashar Eshraghi, Girish Vajramani, Eleni Maratos, Phillipe Rigoard, Jean-Pierre Van Buyten
1:30-1:40P	Moderated Q&A	Ali Valimahomed
<b>Advancements in Decompression of the Spine</b> <b>Room Name: Matterhorn</b>		<b>Advanced Practice Nurses Breakout Session</b>

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		Course Directors: Caro Edelbroek, Zohra Hussaini, Ashley Comer Room Name:	
<b>1:40-1:55P</b> <b>The Next Era of Minimally Invasive Spine:</b> Global Innovation and Precision Techniques <b>Timothy Deer</b>		<b>1:40-1:45P</b> <b>Welcome</b> <b>Caro Edelbroek, Zohra Hussaini,</b>	
<b>1:55-2:10P</b> <b>Lumbar Decompression Percutaneous vs. Open:</b> Patient Selection from the Surgical and Interventional Perspective <b>Moderated by Jan Willem Kallewaard, Steven Falowski</b> <b>Panelists:</b> G Baranidharan, Didier Demesmin, Jad Khalil, Soriaya Motivala, Robert Rapcan, Richard Ibrahim		<b>1:45-2:05P</b> <b>Expanding SCS Indications:</b> A Study on Chemo-induced Polyneuropathy <b>Manon Jansen</b>	
<b>2:10-2:25P</b> <b>The Evolution of Endoscopic Spine Surgery:</b> Precision Access and Patient Selection <b>Moderated by Gurtej Singh, Didier Demesmin</b> <b>Panelist:</b> Manish Raj, Erkan Kurt, Victor Pacheco, Eleni Maratos, Angel Boev		<b>2:05-2:25P</b> <b>Novel Analgesics and Opioid-Sparing Pain Care</b> <b>Ashley Comer</b>	
<b>2:25-2:35P</b> <b>Moderated Q&amp;A</b> <b>Steven Falowski</b>		<b>2:25-2:35P</b> <b>Q&amp;A</b> <b>Ashley Comer, Manon Jansen</b>	
<b>2:35-3:05P</b>		<b>Break with Exhibits</b> <b>Room Name: Zurich</b> <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	
<b>Minimally Invasive Techniques for Stabilization</b> <b>Room Name: Matterhorn</b>		<b>Advanced Practice Nurses Breakout Session</b> <b>Room Name:</b>	
<b>3:05-3:20P</b> <b>Minimally Invasive SI Fusion:</b> Indication, Techniques and Outcomes <b>Moderated by Nomen Azeem, Ashley Bailey-Classen</b> <b>Panelists:</b> Jonathan Carlson, Timothy T. Davis, Morad Nasser, Robert Rapcan, Victor Pacheco, Sudhir Diwan		<b>3:05-3:30P</b> <b>Beyond Eligibility:</b> Pre-Screening, Exclusion Criteria, and Readiness Assessment for Advanced Procedures <b>Caro Edelbroek</b>	
<b>3:20-3:35P</b> <b>Redesigning Spine Surgery:</b> Hardware Driven Advances in MIS <b>Moderated by Melissa Murphy, Steven Falowski</b> <b>Panelists:</b> Gurtej Singh, Jad Khalil, Manish Raj, Angel Boev, Nameer Haider, Eleni Maratos		<b>3:30-3:50P</b> <b>Programming the Future:</b> Closed-Loop SCS and the Next Era of Personalized Neuromodulation <b>Zohra Hussaini</b>	
<b>3:35-3:50P</b> <b>Rethinking Fusion:</b> Emerging Strategies for Stabilization and Motion Preservation <b>Moderated by Angel Boev, Robert Levy</b> <b>Panelists:</b> Anuj Shah, Ramo Naidu, Ricardo Ruiz Lopez, Soriaya Motivala, Jad Khalil, Robert Rapcan			
<b>3:50-4:00P</b> <b>Moderated Q&amp;A</b> <b>Nomen Azeem</b>		<b>3:50-4:00P</b> <b>Q&amp;A and Closing Remarks</b> <b>Caro Edelbroek, Zohra Hussaini</b>	

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Best Practices and Guidelines Room Name: Matterhorn		
4:00-4:15P	<b>Guidelines or Guardrails?</b> The Role of Society Recommendations in Spine and Pain Care	<b>Moderated by Jan Willem Kallewaard, Sam Eldabe</b> <b>Panelists:</b> Hemant Kalia, Mark Malinowski, Robert Levy, Stephen Ward, Johan van de Minkelis, Michael Gofeld
4:15-4:30P	<b>Best Practice Guidelines for Spine Injections and Radiofrequency Ablation:</b> Evidence and Implementation	<b>Moderated by Krishnan Chakravarthy, David Abejon</b> <b>Panelists:</b> Eric Cornidez, Hemant Kalia, Salim Hayek, Stanley Golovac, Ricardo Plancarte, Sean Li
4:30-4:45P	<b>Defining Best Practices in Neuromodulation:</b> Guidelines, Evidence and Clinical Reality	<b>Moderated by Mark Malinowski, Dirk De Ridder</b> <b>Panelists</b> Yashar Eshraghi, Maarten Moens, Phillippe Rigoard, Frank Huygen, Georgios Matis, Johan van de Minkelis, Jean-Pierre Van Buyten
4:45-5:00P	<b>Best Practices in Pharmacological Approaches for the Pain Patient</b>	<b>Moderated by David Dickerson, Xander Zuidema</b> <b>Panelists:</b> Wout van Oosterwyck, Frank Wille, Sudhir Diwan, Haggai Sharon, Massimo Allegri, Ilona Obara
5:00P	Day 2 Closing Remarks	Jan Willem Kallewaard and Harold Nijhuis
5:00-6:00P	<b>Reception with Exhibits</b> <b>Room Name: Zurich</b> <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Cadaver Lab - Offsite, Agenda Coming Soon!