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Thursday, October 22, 2026	
12:00-4:00P	Exhibitor Set Up Room Name: Zurich
8:00A-12:00P	Ultrasound Lab Course Directors: Giuliano Lo Bianco and Ali Valimahomed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:00-8:10A - Welcome & Course Overview ● 8:10-8:25A - Ultrasound Fundamentals & Sonoanatomy Essentials (focused, practical) ● 8:25-8:35A - Patient Selection & Procedure Strategy (case-based, rapid-fire) ● 8:35-11:35A - Hands-On Ultrasound Lab – 5 Rotating Stations, 35-minutes per rotation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MSK & Peripheral Nerve Entrapments (Upper Limb) - David Dickerson (USA), Reda Tolba (UAE) ○ MSK & Peripheral Nerve Entrapments (Lower Limb) - Adnan Al-Kaisy (UK), Robert Moghim (USA) ○ Lumbar Spine & Sacrum - Anuj Bhatia (Canada), David Brinkman (NL) ○ Trunk (Thoracic Spine and Abdomen) - Victor Pacheco (Brazil), Martina Rekatsina (Greece) ○ Cervical Spine & Head Pain - Michael Gofeld (Canada) ● 11:35-11:50A - Advanced Applications & Future Directions (regenerative, PNS, hybrid imaging) ● 11:50A-12:00P - Wrap-Up, Key Takeaways & Q&A
12:00-1:00P	Lunch - Sponsorship Available <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>
1:00-2:30P	ISPN Board of Directors Meeting Room Name:
1:00-5:00P	Regenerative Medicine Lab Course Director: Sudhir Diwan Faculty: Jesus Medina
2:30-4:30P	Young Innovator Pre-Conference Sessions Course Directors: Harry Soar and David van Vemde Young Innovators Committee Chair: Martina Rekatsina <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● From Fellow to Force: Building a High-Impact Career in Pain Medicine 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. ● Inventing Impact: Turning Pain Innovation into Clinical Reality 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 commercialization and widespread clinical adoption. Speakers will include industry representatives, regulators, and clinician-researchers. <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>

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4:30-5:00P	Young Innovator Reception Sponsored by Mainstay Hosted by: Harry Soar, David Van Vemde and Jan Willem Kallewaard
5:00P	Welcome Reception with Exhibits 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
Day 1 - Innovative Options for Pain Management		
Regenerative and Restorative Medicine Room Name: Matterhorn		
8:15-8:20A	Welcome to ISPN 2026: The Global Spine & Pain Revolution	Harold Nijhuis, Jan-Willem Kallewaard
8:20-8:30A	Advancements in Regenerative Medicine	Kasra Amirdelfan
8:30-8:45A	Orthobiologics: Has the Time Arrived to Incorporate Regenerative Medicine into Your Practice?	Moderated by Kasra Amirdeflan, Douglas P. Beall Panelists: Ansar Mahmood, Sudhir Diwan, Ricardo Ruiz Lopez, Aaron Calodney, Jose De Andres, Corey Hunter
8:45-9:00A	Cellular, Acellular or Synthetic: The Research, the Evidence and the Indications	Moderated by Douglas P. Beall, Sudhir Diwan Panelists: Jon Carlson, Stanley Golovac, Christopher Robinson, David Brinkman, Dan Bates, Ansar Mahmood
9:00-9:15A	Restorative Neuromodulation for Low Back Pain: Patient Selection, Evidence, and International Experience	Moderated by Vivek Mehta, Vinny Francio Panelists: Craig Montgomery, David Abejon, Simon Thomson, Harry Soar, Chris Gilligan, Kiran Patel
9:15-9:25A	Moderated Q&A	Moderated by Kasra Amirdeflan All Faculty
Intrathecal Therapies Room Name: Matterhorn		
9:25-9:35A	Intrathecal Therapies -(Title TBD by the lecturer)	Georgios Matis
9:35-9:50A	The Current and Future of Targeted Drug Delivery in Common Indications	Moderated by Jason Pope, Sheila Black Panelists: Georgios Matis, Fabricio Assis, Sam Eldabe, Adam Williams, Salim Hayek, Konstantin Slavin
9:50-10:05A	Cancer Pain: Practical Implementation of Targeted Drug Delivery for Chronic Cancer Pain and Beyond	Moderated by Alaa Abd-Elsayed Panelists: Ricardo Plancarte, Ashish Gulve, Maarten Moens, Aaron Calodney, Melissa Murphy, Jan Vesper

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

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Artificial Intelligence 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>	
Pharmacologics 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, PhD, 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
Late Breaking Abstracts 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	Registration Opens	
Day 2 Neuromodulation		
Expanding Indications in Neuromodulation Room Name: Matterhorn		
8:00-8:05A	Welcome Day 2	Harold Nijhuis, Jan Willem Kallewaard
8:05-8:20A	Expanding the Boundaries: Emerging Indications in Neuromodulation	Timothy Deer
8:20-8:35A	Restoring Perfusion: The Expanding Role of SCS in Ischemic Disease	Moderated by Harold Nijhuis, Jan Willem Kallewaard Panelists: Naoufel Ouerchefani, Jarek Maciaczyk, Frank Wille, Wout van Oosterwyck, Martina Rekatsina
8:35-8:50A	Neuromodulation in Painful Diabetic Neuropathy: Real-world Evidence and Patient Selection	Moderated by Steven Falowski, Krishnan Chakravarthy Panelists: Ashish Gulve, Aaron Calodney,, Cecil de Vos, Kenneth B. Chapman, Tiago Freitas, Sean Li
8:50-9:00A	Moderated Q&A	Jason Pope
Spinal Cord Stimulation Room Name: Matterhorn		
9:00-9:15A	The Intelligent Era of Spinal Cord Stimulation: Innovation Across Platforms	Dawood Sayed
9:15-9:30A	The Neuromodulation Ecosystem: Closed Loop, Remote Monitoring, Personalized Multi-waveform & AI Driven SCS	Moderated by Kasra Amirdelfan, Timothy Deer Panelists: Harold Nijhuis, Usman Latif, Isaac Pena, Jan Willem Kallewaard, Stephano Palmisani, Tiago Freitas
9:30-9:45A	Rethinking SCS Systems: Advancing the Neural Interface in SCS Hardware & Lead Design	Moderated by Steven Falowski, Jason Pope Panelists: Dirk De Ridder, Jarek Maciaczyk, Rob Levy, Leonardo Kapural, Konstantin Slavin, Ilona Obara
9:45-10:00A	Is DRG Stimulation Underutilized Worldwide? Barriers to Adoption Across Borders and a Global Perspective for Therapy Expansion	Moderated by Derron Wilson, Reda Tolba Panelists: Kenneth B. Chapman, Stefan Schu, Jan Vesper, Pankaj Mehta, Frank Huygen, Kiran Patel
10:00-10:30A	Break with Exhibits and Abstract Poster Viewing Room Name: Zurich <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	
Top Abstracts Part 2 Room Name: Matterhorn		

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	Lunch Symposium Sponsored by Medtronic <i>Sponsored symposia will NOT be part of the CME program, nor eligible for CME credit</i>	
12:20-12:30P	Transition to Sessions	
Peripheral Nerve Stimulation Room Name: Matterhorn		
12:30-12:45P	ISPN Hall of Fame Lecture: Innovative Neuromodulation Therapies for Head and Facial Pain	Presented by 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award Winner, Jean-Pierre Van Buyten
12:45-1:00P	Peripheral Nerve Stimulation: Foundations, Clinical Applications and Future Directions	Moderated by Ali Valimahomed, Reda Tolba Panelists: Morad Nasser, Corey W. Hunter, Sheila Black, Naoufel Ouerchefani, Stefan Schu, Jan Vesper
1:00-1:15P	The Best Targets in PNS for Effective Therapy	Moderated by Harry Soar, Jean-Pierre Van Buyten Panelists: Jarek Maciacyk, Simon Thomson, Eric Cornidez, Jordan Tate, Sinan Barazi, David Dickerson
1:15-1:30P	Peripheral Nerve Stimulation for Craniofacial Pain and Headache Disorders	Moderated by Alaa Abd-Elsayed, Salim Hayek Panelists: 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
Advancements in Decompression of the Spine Room Name: Matterhorn		Advanced Practice Nurses Breakout Session Course Directors: Caro Edelbroek, Zohra Hussaini, Ashley Comer Room Name:
1:40-1:55P	The Next Era of Minimally Invasive Spine: Global Innovation and Precision Techniques Timothy Deer	

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1:55-2:10P Lumbar Decompression Percutaneous vs. Open: Patient Selection from the Surgical and Interventional Perspective Moderated by Jan Willem Kallewaard, Steven Falowski Panelists: G Baranidharan, Didier Demesmin, Jad Khalil, Soriaya Motivala, Robert Rapcan, Richard Ibrahim		
2:10-2:25P The Evolution of Endoscopic Spine Surgery: Precision Access and Patient Selection Moderated by Gurtej Singh, Didier Demesmin Panelist: Manish Raj, Erkan Kurt, Victor Pacheco, Eleni Maratos		
2:25-2:35P Moderated Q&A Steven Falowski		
2:35-3:05P	Break with Exhibits Room Name: Zurich <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	
Minimally Invasive Techniques for Stabilization Room Name: Matterhorn		Advanced Practice Nurses Breakout Session Room Name:
3:05-3:20P Minimally Invasive SI Fusion: Indication, Techniques and Outcomes Moderated by Nomen Azeem, Ashley Bailey-Classen Panelists: Jonathan Carlson, Timothy T. Davis, Morad Nasseri, Robert Rapcan, Victor Pacheco, Sudhir Diwan		
3:20-3:35P Redesigning Spine Surgery: Hardware Driven Advances in MIS Moderated by Melissa Murphy, Steven Falowski Panelists: Gurtej Singh, Jad Khalil, Manish Raj, Angel Boev, Nameer Haider, Eleni Maratos		
3:35-3:50P Rethinking Fusion: Emerging Strategies for Stabilization and Motion Preservation Moderated by Angel Boev, Robert Levy Panelists: Anuj Shah, Ramo Naidu, Ricardo Ruiz Lopez, Soriaya Motivala, Jad Khalil, Robert Rapcan		
3:50-4:00P Moderated Q&A Nomen Azeem		
Best Practices and Guidelines Room Name: Matterhorn		
4:00-4:15P	Guidelines or Guardrails? The Role of Society Recommendations in Spine and Pain Care	Moderated by Jan Willem Kallewaard, Sam Eldabe Panelists: Hemant Kalia, Mark Malinowski, Robert Levy, Stephen Ward, Johan van de Minkelis, Michael Gofeld
4:15-4:30P	Best Practice Guidelines for Spine Injections and Radiofrequency Ablation: Evidence and Implementation	Moderated by Krishnan Chakravarthy, David Abejon Panelists: Eric Cornidez, Hemant Kalia, Salim Hayek, Stanley Golovac, Ricardo Plancarte, Sean Li

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4:30-4:45P	Defining Best Practices in Neuromodulation: Guidelines, Evidence and Clinical Reality	Moderated by Mark Malinowski, Dirk De Ridder Panelists Yashar Eshraghi, Maarten Moens, Phillipe Rigoard, Frank Huygen, Georgios Matis, Johan van de Minkelis, Jean-Pierre Van Buyten
4:45-5:00P	Best Practices in Pharmacological Approaches for the Pain Patient	Moderated by David Dickerson, Xander Zuidema Panelists: 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	Reception with Exhibits Room Name: Zurich <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Cadaver Lab - Offsite, Agenda Coming Soon!