

The 8th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Pain and Neuroscience:
“Intelligence Meets Human Insight: *Where data and discovery unite to transform patient care*”
Fontainebleau, Miami Beach, Florida
July 16-19, 2026

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Wednesday, July 15, 2026			
Time (EDT)	Location	Topic	Faculty
12:00-5:00P	Fleur de Lis	Intracapt Certification Course Sponsored by Palladium Sponsor Boston Scientific Invitation Only <i>*Not part of the CME Program. No CME Credits Available</i>	
4:00-6:00P	Fontaine Ballroom	ASPN Hands on Lab Setup	
3:00-5:00P	Luster Lobby	Early Check-In for ASPN Lab attendees	

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Thursday, July 16, 2026

6:30A	Luster Lobby	Registration and check-in for Lab	
7:00-7:45A	Glimmer 1-4 (4th Floor)	Breakfast Sponsored by Silver Sponsor Ferring Pharmaceuticals <i>Clinical Efficacy and Safety of SI-6603 (condoliase) in Lumbar Disc Herniation: Topline US Phase 3 Results and Long-Term Findings</i> Timothy R. Deer, MD and Christopher J. Gilligan MD, MBA <i>Sponsored symposia will NOT be part of the CME program, nor eligible for CME credit</i>	
8:00A-4:00P	Sparkle Ballroom	Exhibitor Set up	
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8:00-8:30A From Great Idea to Term Sheet—or Trash Bin - What Venture Capitalists Really Look For Moderated by Erika Petersen, MD Panelists: Kris Krustangel, Jim Youssef, MD, Rob Faulkner, Brad Maruca, Jeff Cambra, Dan Brounstein		Station 1 DRG Morad Nasser, MD, Warren Lee Grace III, MD, Jonathan E Silverman, MD	Head & Cervical Spine Hesham Elsharkawy, MD, MBA Upper Extremity Leia Rispoli, MD Lower Extremity – Hip & Knee Neal Rakesh, MD Thoracic & Abdominal Applications David Reece, DO Lumbar / Sacral + Technical Optimization Amitabh Gulati, MD Ankle & Peripheral Nerve Applications Mark F. Hurdle, MD



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8:30-9:00A <i>From Prototype to Patient - The Brutal Truth About Building a Neurotech Company</i> Moderated by Krishnan Chakravarthy, MD, PhD Panelists: Jeff Kramer, Dennis McLoughlin, April Marrone, PhD, Mudit Jain, PhD, E. Jeffrey Donner, MD	Station 2 Fluoroscopy-guided High-intensity Focused Ultrasound (HIFU) Neurotomy Leonardo Kapural, MD, PhD, Ofer M. Wellisch, MD, MPH	Head & Cervical Spine Hesham Elsharkawy, MD, MBA Upper Extremity Leia Rispoli, MD Lower Extremity – Hip & Knee Neal Rakesh, MD Thoracic & Abdominal Applications David Reece, DO Lumbar / Sacral + Technical Optimization Amitabh Gulati, MD Ankle & Peripheral Nerve Applications Mark F. Hurdle, MD
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9:00-9:30A <i>Your Digital Footprint Is Your Reputation - What Industry, Patients, and Partners See First</i> Moderated by Melissa Murphy, MD Panelists: Kat Hurd, Bronson Lazarus, Justin Harvey, Kris Krustangel	Station 6 Intrathecal Programming and Pump Refill Edward Podgorski, MD, Timothy R. Lubenow, MD	Head & Cervical Spine Hesham Elsharkawy, MD, MBA Upper Extremity Leia Rispoli, MD Lower Extremity – Hip & Knee Neal Rakesh, MD Thoracic & Abdominal Applications David Reece, DO Lumbar / Sacral + Technical Optimization Amitabh Gulati, MD Ankle & Peripheral Nerve Applications Mark F. Hurdle, MD
9:30-10:00A <i>AI Without the Hype—or the Risk - Where Artificial Intelligence Helps—and Where It Hurts</i> Moderated by Usman Latif, MD, MBA Panelists: Prof. Kevin Fu, Timothy T. Davis, MD, Leon Anijar, MD, Robert Moghim, MD, James Cavuoto	Station 7 BVNA Greg Moore, MD, Gurtej Singh, MD, Michael E. Farrell II, MD, DC, Lucas Bracero, MD, MBA	
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10:00-10:30A <i>The Next Decade of Neurotech - What's Coming, What's Hype, and What Will Change Everything</i> Moderated by Timothy T. Davis, MD Panelists: Adrian Kimber, E. Jeffrey Donner, MD, Rob Binney, Nandan Lad, MD, PhD, Erich W. Wolf II, MD, PhD, Jon Ruais	Station 9 Micro IPG Peripheral Nerve Stimulation Omar Viswanath, MD, Eric G. Cornidez, MD, MBA, Eugene Wang, MD	Head & Cervical Spine Hesham Elsharkawy, MD, MBA Upper Extremity Leia Rispoli, MD Lower Extremity – Hip & Knee Neal Rakesh, MD Thoracic & Abdominal Applications David Reece, DO Lumbar / Sacral + Technical Optimization Amitabh Gulati, MD Ankle & Peripheral Nerve Applications Mark F. Hurdle, MD	10:00-10:10 AM <i>Welcome and Introduction</i> Zohra Hussaini, MSN, FNP-BC, MBA, Casey Grillo, FNP-C
10:30-11:00A <i>Collaboration or Conflict? How Physicians Work with Industry Without Crossing the Line</i> Moderated by Dawood Sayed, MD Panelists: Allen Burton, MD, Laurie Cigan, Tiffany Dunn, Marshall Bedder, MD	Station 10 Posterior Intra Articular Technique Douglas P. Beall, MD, Mansoor M. Aman, MD, Emanuel Narcis Husu, MD		10:10-11:00 AM <i>Pain Detective: Hands-On PE Skills to Differentiate Hip, SI, and Lumbar Pathology</i> Chad B. Stephens, DO, Morteza Rabii, DNP, APRN, AGPCNP-BCC, Zohra Hussaini, MSN, FNP-BC, MBA

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11:00-11:10A ASPEN Top Abstract <i>First-in-Human Simultaneous All-Electrode Recording of Biosignals from Percutaneous PNS Leads in Chronic Pain Patients</i> Timothy R. Deer, MD	Station 11 Percutaneous image-guided Lumbar Decompression Matt Skoblar, DO, Sushanth Boda, DO, Morad Nasser, MD	Head & Cervical Spine Hesham Elsharkawy, MD, MBA Upper Extremity Leia Rispoli, MD Lower Extremity – Hip & Knee Neal Rakesh, MD Thoracic & Abdominal Applications David Reece, DO Lumbar / Sacral + Technical Optimization Amitabh Gulati, MD Ankle & Peripheral Nerve Applications Mark F. Hurdle, MD	11:00-11:30 AM Artificial Intelligence in Pain Management: What APPs Need to Know Usman Latif, MD, MBA
11:10-11:20A ASPEN Top Abstract <i>Average CIPN Pain Scores by Chemo type Following Magnetic Peripheral Nerve Stimulation(mPNS) Axon™ Therapy</i> Marshall Bedder, MD			
11:20-11:30A ASPEN Top Abstract <i>From Waiting Room to Living Room: KINETIC Decentralized Using Virtual Clinic-Guided Mobility and Narrative Capture</i> David Dickerson, MD	Station 12 BVNA Jack Smith, MD, Michael E. Farrell II, MD, DC		11:30 AM-12:00 PM From Injections to Interventions: Navigating Minimally Invasive Spine Options in Clinical Practice Timothy R. Deer, MD
11:30A-12:00P Closing Remarks, Neurotech Networking and Mingling			

12:00-1:00P	Lunch Sponsored by Diamond Sponsor SPR Room Name: Glimmer 1-4 (4th Floor) <i>Between Two Palms: A Stimulating Conversation with Host David Dickerson, MD and Special guests: Christopher A. Gilmore, MD, Amitabh Gulati, MD, Usman Latif, MD, MBA, Denise Lester, MD, and Ramana K. Naidu, MD</i> <i>Sponsored symposia will NOT be part of the CME program, nor eligible for CME credit</i>		
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1:10 PM – Welcome: Changing the Paradigm of Pain Research Course Directors: Krishnan Chakravarthy, MD, PhD Co-Chairs: Hemant Kalia, MD Organizing Committee: Eugene Wang, MD, and Kai McGreevy, MD	Station 1 DRG Morad Nasser, MD, Warren Lee Grace III, MD, Jonathan E Silverman, MD	BMAC – Sudhir Diwan, MD, Aaron K. Calodney, MD mFAT – Timothy T. Davis, MD	1:00-1:20 PM <i>Cracks in the Back: Vertebral Fractures: Recognition and Management</i> Nomen Azeem, MD, Jill Study, NP
1:15-1:45 PM Big Challenges in Data Collection: <i>What is the FDA looking for and how to incorporate research into your practice</i> Moderated by Krishnan Chakravarthy, MD, PhD, Kai McGreevy, MD Faculty: Allen Burton, MD, Kimberly Thomas-Pollei, PhD, Scott Kreiner, MD, Peter Staats, MD, MBA, Mary Keszler, MD, Nick Knezevic, MD, PhD	Station 2 Fluoroscopy-guided High-intensity Focused Ultrasound (HIFU) Neurotomy Leonardo Kapural, MD, PhD, Ofer M. Wellisch, MD, MPH	PRP/Protein Concentrate - Ryan Budwany, MD, Vwaire Orhurhu, MD Business of Regenerative Medicine - Ariana DeMers, DO	1:20-1:40 PM <i>Peripheral Nerve Stimulation Unplugged Panel</i> Moderated by David Dickerson, MD Panelists: Knell Villarta, PA-C, Amy Yates, NP, Nicole A. Busch, MSN, APRN, AGCNS-BC

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TED Style Presentations from Hot Basic Science Topics 1:45 PM <i>Novel Bio Markers for Pain Using Radioactive Ligands</i> Presented by Jennifer Hah, MD 1:55 PM <i>Optogenetics</i> Presented by Samarendra Mohanty, PhD, Yotam Eldar, MD 2:05 PM <i>Novel Injectable Electrode Technology</i> Presented by Manfred Franke, PhD 2:15 PM <i>New drug targets / HIFU</i> Presented by Nandan Lad, MD, PhD 2:25 PM <i>Q and A (All faculty)</i> Co-Moderators Krishnan Chakravarthy, MD, PhD and Kai McGreevy, MD	Station 3 Spinal Cord Stimulation David W. Lee, MD, Jennifer Marie Lee, MD	BMAC – Sudhir Diwan, MD mFAT – Timothy T. Davis, MD, Aaron K. Calodney, MD PRP/Protein Concentrate - Ryan Budwany, MD, Vwaire Orhurhu, MD	1:40-2:00 PM <i>Buprenorphine in Pain Practice: A Case-Based Approach</i> Patrick McGinn, PA
	Station 4 60-Day EPG Peripheral Nerve Stimulation Vafi Salmasi, MD, Christopher A. Gilmore, MD, Mark F. Hurdle, MD, Lucas Bracero, MD, MBA		2:00-2:30 PM <i>Translating Policy & Evidence into best practice: an APPS role</i> Jacqueline Weisbein, DO
	Station 5 ASPN CARES: Targeted Drug Delivery Tolga Suvar, MD, Matthew Chung, MD	Business of Regenerative Medicine - Ariana DeMers, DO	2:30-2:40 PM Coffee Break



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2:40-2:55 PM ASPAN Ally Program: Advocacy and Coverage Determinants A premier partnership opportunity with the American Society of Pain & Neuroscience: Advocacy: The ASPAN Reimbursement & Regulatory Affairs division actively engages in health policy and advocacy at local state and federal level to promote access for evidenced based therapies, exclusively representing the interests of its members. ASPAN Coverage Determinants, Appropriate Use Case. Hemant Kalia, MD	Station 6 Intrathecal Programming and Pump Refill Edward Podgorski, MD, Timothy R. Lubenow, MD Station 7 BVNA Greg Moore, MD, Gurtej Singh, MD, Michael E. Farrell II, MD DC, Lucas Bracero, MD, MBA	BMAC – Sudhir Diwan, MD mFAT – Timothy T. Davis, MD, Aaron K. Calodney, MD PRP/Protein Concentrate - Ryan Budwany, MD, Vwaire Orhurhu, MD Business of Regenerative Medicine - Ariana DeMers, DO	2:40-3:30 PM <i>So You Think You Know Neuromodulation? A Game Show for APPs</i> Host: Kristen Durkin, RN, AGNP-C



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2:55-3:10 PM Jigsaw/Knowledge Café: Collaboration in Industry – Society – Academia Partnerships Moderator: Hemant Kalia, MD, and Krishnan Chakravarthy, MD, PhD Panelists: Peter Staats, MD, MBA, Greg Przyblyski, MD (CIGNA Medical Director), Jason McKittrick (President of OBFA)	Station 8 Closed Loop Spinal Cord Stimulation David Abejón, MD, PhD, Marcin Karcz, MD, PhD, Lucas Bracero, MD, MBA, Christopher A. Gilmore, MD, Chau Vu, MD	BMAC – Sudhir Diwan, MD mFAT – Timothy T. Davis, MD, Aaron K. Calodney, MD	2:40-3:30 PM <i>So You Think You Know Neuromodulation? A Game Show for APPs</i> Host: Kristen Durkin, RN, AGNP-C
3:10: Policy Roundtable: <i>Prior Authorization Reform—What’s Working, What Isn’t?</i> CMS Final Rule for Medicare Advantage Plans for 2027, WiSER in 2026, ASC Model (Value Based Contracting) 2027 Moderated by Mark N. Malinowski, DO, Hemant Kalia, MD Panelists: Greg Przyblyski, MD (CIGNA Medical Director)	Station 9 Micro IPG Peripheral Nerve Stimulation Omar Viswanath, MD, Eric G. Cornidez, MD, MBA	PRP/Protein Concentrate - Ryan Budwany, MD, Vwaire Orhurhu, MD Business of Regenerative Medicine - Ariana DeMers, DO	

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3:20: Innovator's Prescription: Collaborative Solution for Disruptive Innovation and Successful Path for Reimbursement Moderated by Hemant Kalia, MD Panelists: Jason McKittrick (President of OBFA), Curtis Anderson, MD (Past President OEIS + RUC advisor)	Station 10 Posterior Intra Articular Technique Douglas P. Beall, MD, Mansoor M. Aman, MD, Emanuel Narcis Husu, MD	BMAC – Sudhir Diwan, MD mFAT – Timothy T. Davis, MD, Aaron K. Calodney, MD	3:30-4:00 PM <i>Stopping the Pain at the Source: DRG and Causalgia Panel</i> Moderated by Denis G. Patterson, DO Panelists: Jill Study, NP, Amy Yates, NP, Morteza Rabii, DNP, APRN, AGPCNP-BCC, Casey Grillo, FNP-C
3:35: Town Hall: Open Mic for Policy and Research Priorities Moderator: Krishnan Chakravarthy, MD, PhD, Hemant Kalia, MD, Tariq Alfarra, MD Panelists: All Faculty	Station 11 Percutaneous image-guided Lumbar Decompression Matt Skoblar, DO, Sushanth Boda, DO, Morad Nasser, MD	PRP/Protein Concentrate - Ryan Budwany, MD, Vwaire Orhurhu, MD Business of Regenerative Medicine - Ariana DeMers, DO	4:00 PM <i>Evals and Closing</i> Ashley G. Comer, APRN, NP-C, Morteza Rabii, DNP, APRN, AGPCNP-BCC
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4:00-5:30P	Glimmer 1-4	Poster to Podium Program Presentations Meet & Greet Sponsored by Mai Medical USA <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	Erika A. Petersen, MD, Melissa Murphy, MD, Benjamin Gill, DO, MBA All Attendees Welcome, Including Industry
5:30-8:00P	Offsite	Young Innovators Pickleball Tournament and Reception Sponsored by Silver Sponsor Aurora Spine Presentation of the Young Innovator Award Hosted by Young Innovator Co-Chairs: Vinny Francio, MD, and Anuj Shah, DO <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	
5:30P	Mirabella	Launch of ASPAN Regenerative Medicine Division Sponsored by ReActiv8 Presentation from Timothy Deer, MD <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	
7:30P	Flicker 1-3	Spinal Simplicity Private Event <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	

Friday, July 17, 2026

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6:30A	Luster Lobby	Registration Opens
6:30-7:15A	Glimmer 5 Terrace (4 th Floor)	ESSEINTRICS – Sponsored by Silver Sponsor ReActiv8



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7:00-7:45A	Glimmer 1-4 (4th Floor)	Breakfast Symposium Sponsored by Gold Sponsor Nalu Medical <i>Advancing Treatment Options For Chronic Focal Neuropathic Pain</i> <i>Lindsay Carter, MSN, FNP-C, John A. Hatheway, MD, Evan Peskin, MD, MBA, Eric G. Cornidez, MD, MBA</i> <i>Opening remarks by Jim Cassidy, President of Boston Scientific Neuromodulation</i> <i>Sponsored symposia will NOT be part of the CME program, nor eligible for CME credit</i>
General Session: Room Name: Fontaine		
8:00-8:10A	Welcome to ASPN PAIN 2026: Intelligence Meets Human Insight: <i>Where data and discovery unite to transform patient care</i>	Timothy R. Deer, MD, and Dawood Sayed, MD
8:10-8:15A	Introduction of the Best Research and Abstracts of ASPN 2026	David W. Lee, MD, Kasra Amirdelfan, MD
Minimally Invasive Spine Moderated by Kasra Amirdelfan, MD		
Time	Topic	Speakers
8:15-8:25A	ASPN Top Abstract: <i>Long-term Outcomes Following Decompression Versus Fusion Surgery for Lumbar Spondylolisthesis: A Retrospective Cohort Study</i>	Timothy R. Deer, MD
8:25-8:40A	The New MIS Paradigm: Smarter, Smaller and Less Invasive	Moderated by Timothy R. Deer, MD, Dawood Sayed, MD Panelists: Jad Khalil, MD, Kasra Amirdelfan, MD, Douglas P. Beall, MD, Ashley Bailey-Classen, DO, Jessica Jameson, MD, Erika A. Petersen, MD, Steven M. Falowski, MD
8:40-8:55A	Minimally Invasive Spine Complications: Prevention, Recognition and Collaborative Management	Moderated by Michael J. Dorsi, MD, Iden Cowan, MD Panelists: Sigurd H. Berven, MD, Pierce D. Nunley, MD, Frank M. Phillips, MD, Daniel Denis, MD, Pankaj Mehta, MD, Jennifer Marie Lee, MD, Chad B. Stephens, DO



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8:55-9:10A	Modern SI Joint Fusion: Why It's Moving Up the Treatment Pathway	Moderated by Angel Boev, MD, Soriaya Motivala, MD Panelists: Pankaj Mehta, MD, Aileen Padilla, DO, Patrick Buchanan, MD, Michael J. Dorsi, MD, Chris Bovinet, DO, Jad Khalil, MD
9:10-9:25A	Surgeons and Interventionalists: Elevating Patient Care Together	Moderated by Timothy R. Deer, MD, Dawood Sayed, MD Panelists: Sigurd H. Berven, MD, Frank M. Phillips, MD, Arash Sayari, MD, Iden Cowan, MD, Steven M. Falowski, MD, Kiran V. Patel, MD
Artificial Intelligence Moderated by Robert Moghim, MD, John V. Prunskis, MD		
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9:25-9:35A	ASPN Top Abstract Neural Panel Study: Interim Analysis of a Multicenter Evaluation of a Next-Generation, Automated Programming Platform with Advanced Sensing Technology	Kasra Amirdelfan, MD
9:35-9:50A	Current Artificial Intelligence Platforms for Clinical Efficiency: Can AI Do It All?	Moderated by Usman Latif, MD, MBA, Robert Moghim, MD Panelists: Matthew T. Ranson, MD, Alaa Abd-Elseyed, MD, Vinny Francio, MD, Jennifer Hah, MD, Suzanne Manzi, MD, Helen M. Blake, MD, MBA, Ryan Budwany, MD, MBA
9:50-10:05A	Patient Compliance in the Era of Artificial Intelligence: Tools to Improve Patient Education	Moderated by Chris Massey, MD, Nandan Lad, MD, PhD Panelists: Usman Latif, MD, MBA, Robert Levy, MD, PhD, Johnathan Goree, MD, Ty Ptacek, MD, Lisa R. Kroopf, MD, Robert Moghim, MD, Ryan Budwany, MD, MBA
10:05-10:20A	Artificial Intelligence to Enhance Clinical Decision Making: The Tipping Point for Improved Care	Moderated by Krishnan Chakravarthy, MD, PhD, Kiran V. Patel, MD Panelists: Christopher Robinson, MD, PhD, John V. Prunskis, MD, Morad Nasser, MD, Stanley Golovac, MD, Ellen Lin, MD, Chau M. Vu, MD

10:20-10:40A	Sparkle Ballroom	Break with Exhibits and Abstract Poster Viewing In-Booth Demo – Sponsored by Platinum Sponsor Saluda Medical In-Booth Demo – Sponsored by Platinum Sponsor Medtronic In-Booth Demo – Sponsored by Bronze Sponsor Bioventus Product Theater – Sponsored by BoltNav <i>Handheld, Image-Guided Percutaneous Procedures in the ASC: Assessment of BOLT® Navigation with SMART(TM) C-Arm Technology: Early Data and Experience</i> Presented by Angel Boev, MD, Timothy Deer, MD, Brian Durkin, DO <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>
General Session Room Name: Fontaine Ballroom Ablative Therapies Moderated by George E. Girardi, MD, Christopher K. Kim, MD		
Time	Topic	Speakers
10:45-10:55A	ASPN Top Abstract: <i>Intraosseous Basivertebral Nerve Ablation for chronic vertebrogenic pain: real-world outcomes from the IMPROVE prospective multicenter study</i>	Ramana K. Naidu, MD
10:55-11:10A	The Next Frontiers in Basivertebral Nerve Ablation	Moderated by Jad Khalil, MD, Ramana K. Naidu, MD Panelists: Morad Nasseri, MD, Brian Durkin, DO, Kiran V. Patel, MD, Edward S. Yoon, MD, Jessica Jameson, MD, Jack Smith, MD
11:10-11:25A	Latest Advancements in Ablative techniques: HIFU, Advanced Needle Design, Thermal ablation, Cooled ablation, Cryoablation	Moderated by Amitabh Gulati, MD, Helen M. Blake, MD, MBA Panelists: Michael Gofeld, MD, PhD, Leonardo Kapural, MD, PhD, Maged Guirguis, MD, Melissa Murphy, MD, Caitlin D. Tourjé, MD, Edward S. Yoon, MD



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11:25-11:40A	Optimizing Identification of Pain Generators in Axial Chronic Low Back Pain: A Targeted Approach to Diagnosis and Treatment Algorithms	Moderated by Christopher A. Gilmore, MD, John S. Michels, MD Panelists: Benjamin Gill, DO, MBA, Christopher M. Lam, MD, Douglas P. Beall, MD, Chau M. Vu, MD, Helen M. Blake, MD, MBA, Jeffrey E. Arle, MD, PhD
11:40-11:55A	Introducing the ASPAN Registry: Evidence Built by Clinicians, for Clinicians	Presented by Usman Latif, MD, MBA, Nomen Azeem, MD, Timothy T. Davis, MD
11:55A-12:00P	Transition to Lunch	
12:00-1:00P	Lunch Symposium Sponsored by Palladium Sponsor Abbott <i>Where Innovation Meets Evidence: A Full Portfolio Approach To Better Outcomes</i> Iden Cowan, MD, Timothy R. Deer, MD, David Dickerson, MD, Steven M. Falowski, MD, FAANS, Pankaj Mehta, MD Room Name: Glimmer 1-4 <i>Sponsored symposia will NOT be part of the CME program, nor eligible for CME credit</i>	
12:00-1:00P	Lunch Symposium Sponsored by Palladium Sponsor Boston Scientific <i>Advancing Science for the Future of Interventional Pain Care</i> Moderator: Soriaya Motivala, MD Panelists: Michael Esposito, MD, Manny Gage, MD, Eric G. Cornidez, MD, MBA, Ramana K. Naidu, MD Room Name: Glimmer 5-7 <i>Sponsored symposia will NOT be part of the CME program, nor eligible for CME credit</i>	



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12:00-1:00P	Lunch Symposium Sponsored by Titanium Sponsor Vertex Pharmaceuticals <i>Exploring Selective Sodium Channel Inhibition for the Management of Acute Pain</i> Moderated by: Jai Mehta, MD, MBA, FASA Panelists: Leonardo Kapural, MD, PhD, Dawood Sayed, MD Room Name: Flicker 1-3 <i>Sponsored symposia will NOT be part of the CME program, nor eligible for CME credit</i>	
1:00-1:10P	Transition to Session	
General Session Room Name: Fontaine Ballroom Masters of Industry <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>		
Time	Topic	Speakers
1:10-1:30P	Building Category Defining Companies in Pain and Spine: Leadership Lessons from Industry Perspectives <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	Moderated by Timothy Deer, MD, Dawood Sayed, MD Panelists: Maria Bennett (President, CEO & Founder, SPR), Aure Bruneau (CEO, Curonix), Tom West (President & CEO, Nalu), Jason Hannon (CEO, Mainstay), Shanth Thiyagalingam (CEO, PainTEQ), Laura Francis (CEO, SI-BONE), Todd Moseley (CEO, Spinal Simplicity)
1:30-1:50P	From Innovation to Impact in Pain Management: How Executives Align Intelligent Technology with Real World Care <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	Moderated by Timothy Deer, MD, Dawood Sayed, MD Panelists: Barry Regan (CEO, Saluda Medical), Rebecca Wilkins (Divisional Vice President of Research & Development, Abbott), Scott Kreiner, MD (CMO, Neuromodulation, BSCI), Ash Sharan, MD (CMO, Neuromodulation, Medtronic), Anthony Williams (President, Nevro), Andreas Gute (Head of BIOTRONIK Neuro)

1:50-2:20P	Sparkle Ballroom	Break with Exhibits and Abstract Poster Viewing Product Theater sponsored by Silver Sponsor Aurora Spine <i>SI & L5/S1 Fusion: Evidence Then. Outcomes Now. Innovation Ahead.</i> <i>Pankaj Mehta, MD</i> In Booth Demo Sponsored by Diamond Sponsor SPR In Booth Demo Sponsored by Pacira <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	
Latest Advancements in Spine Surgery Room Name: Fontaine Ballroom Moderated by Eric T. Lee, MD, Matthew T. Ranson, MD			
Time	Topic	Speakers	
2:20-2:30P	ASP^N Top Abstract <i>Integrating Dorsal Root Ganglion Stimulation with Transforaminal Lumbar Interbody Fusion: Proof-of-Concept Study Clinical Outcomes</i>	Michael Park, MD, PhD	
2:30-2:45P	Lumbar Spinal Stenosis in 2026: Open, Endoscopic, or Percutaneous and Why It Matters	Moderated by Angel Boev, MD, Rebecca Sanders, MD Panelists: Frank M. Phillips, MD, Manish Raj, MD, Harry P. Sukumaran, MD, Ali Valimahomed, MD, Theresa Williamson, MD, Jeffrey E. Arle, MD, PhD	
2:45-3:00P	Endoscopic Spine Care: Where Evidence is Catching Up to Innovation	Moderated by Gurtej Singh, MD, Erika A Petersen, MD Panelists: George M. Galvan, MD, Nameer Haider, MD, Didier Demesmin, MD, MBA, Daniel Denis, MD, Sanjeev Kumar, MD	
3:00-3:15P	Endoscopic Spine Surgery: Surgical and Interventional Approaches	Moderated by Gurtej Singh, MD, Justine D. Pearl, MD Panelists: Didier Demesmin, MD, MBA, Mark Coleman, MD, Theresa Williamson, MD, Sanjeev Kumar, MD, Manish Raj, MD, Brian Durkin, DO	



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3:15-3:30P	Smaller Hardware, Bigger Impact: Modern Posterior Fusion Strategies	Moderated by Ashley Bailey-Classen, DO, Soriaya Motivala, MD Panelists: Stephen Hochschuler, MD, Chris Bovinet, DO, Greg Moore, MD, Behnam Myers, DO, Ali Nairizi, MD
3:30-3:45P	Life After Fusion: The Real Promise of Motion-Preserving Spine Surgery	Moderated by Pierce D. Nunley, MD, Justine D. Pearl, MD Panelists: Arash Sayari, MD, Larry T. Khoo, MD, John R. Orphanos, MD, Patrick Buchanan, MD, Sheel Patel, MD
3:45-4:00P	Spinal Robotics: Where are We Now?	Moderated by Erika A. Petersen, MD Panelists: Pierce D. Nunley, MD, Soriaya Motivala, MD, John R. Orphanos, MD, Angel Boev, MD, Michael J. Dorsi, MD
Intrathecal Therapies and Cancer Pain Management Moderated by Louis J. Raso, MD		
4:00-4:10P	ASPAN Top Abstract RESTORE: <i>One-year Outcomes of Control Crossover from Optimal Medical Management to Restorative Neurostimulation</i>	Kiran V. Patel, MD
4:10-4:20P	ASPAN Top Abstract Postmarketing Safety Characterization of Suzetrigine (Journavx) Using FDA Adverse Event Reporting System Data: 2025 Q1-Q4	Yuichi Igarashi, MD
4:20-4:35P	Intrathecal Therapy: Implementing, Dosing and Complication Management	Moderated by Tammy Dann, DO, Edward Podgorski, MD Panelists: Gladstone C. McDowell II, MD, Tolga Suvar, MD, Justin Davanzo, MD, Michael S. Leong, MD, Arti Ori, MD
4:35-4:50P	Interventional Oncology for Pain Physicians: A Developing Clinical Frontier	Moderated by Amitabh Gulati, MD, Monika Y. Patel, MD Panelists: John A. Hatheway, MD, Edward Podgorski, MD, Timothy R. Lubenow, MD, Sanup Pathak, MD, Denis G. Patterson, DO, Yashar Eshraghi, MD



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4:50-5:00P	Change for Race and Transition to Ocean Lawn	
5:00P	Ocean Lawn	ASPN Annual 5k Walk and Run for Charity <i>*Separate registration required for runners</i> Beneficiaries: Ironman Foundation (IRONAID) and the Do Like Duke Foundation Race Shirts provided by Kelly Castleberry Morgan Stanley-Graystone Race Directors: Timothy R. Deer, MD, Dawood Sayed, MD, Michelle Byers-Robson <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>
5:30P	Ocean Lawn	Post-Race Reception & Finish Line Celebration Sponsored by Diamond Sponsor Basic Home Infusion <i>All attendees welcome—come cheer on the runners and enjoy refreshments following the race.</i> <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>
6:30-7:30P	Glimmer 5-7 (4th Floor)	Faculty Reception and Awards Symposium Sponsored by Palladium Sponsor Abbott Welcome - Timothy R. Deer, MD, Dawood Sayed, MD, Krishnan Chakravarthy, MD, PhD 6:30-6:45P Check In 6:45-7:00P Sponsored Presentation: 7:00-7:30 ASPN AWARD PRESENTATIONS <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>
7:30P	Offsite: Soho House	PainTEQ Sponsored Dinner <i>Invitation Only</i>
7:30P	Prime 54	Lenoss Medical Event - Biological Vertebral Augmentation with OsteoPearl <i>Invitation Only</i>

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Time (EDT)	Location
6:30A	Registration Open in Luster Lobby



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6:30-7:15A	ESSETRICS – Sponsored by Silver Sponsor ReActiv8 Room Name: Glimmer 5 Terrace (4 th Floor)	
7:00-7:45A	Breakfast Sponsored by Diamond Sponsored Basic Home Infusion <i>The Home Advantage with BHI</i> Room name: Glimmer 1-4 <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	
Time (EDT)	General Session: Room Name: Fontaine Ballroom Day Two: Neuromodulation	
8:00-8:15A	Welcome to Day 2 - Presidential Address in Fontaine Ballroom	Presented by: Krishnan Chakravarthy, MD, PhD
Spinal Cord Stimulation: Where Are We Now? Room Name: Fontaine Ballroom Moderated by Mazhar Rasul, MD, Paul Verrills, MD		
8:15-8:25A	ASPAN Top Abstract <i>Validated Pain-Related Healthcare Utilization and Safety Endpoints for Spinal Cord Stimulation based on US Claims and Linked Prospective Clinical Data</i>	Timothy R. Deer, MD
8:25-8:40A	Does Evidence Actually Matter in SCS Selection?	Moderated by Krishnan Chakravarthy, MD, PhD, Erika A. Petersen, MD Panelists: Jason E. Pope, MD, Scott G. Pritzlaff, MD, Robert Levy, MD, PhD, Jennifer Marie Lee, MD, Ellen Lin, MD



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8:40-8:55A	Is AI the Missing Link in SCS Outcomes?	Moderated by Jordan Lee Tate, MD, Nasir Khatri, MD Panelists: Christopher Robinson, MD, PhD, Nandan Lad, MD, PhD, Aashish Jay Kumar, MD, Jennifer Hah, MD, Salim M. Hayek, MD, PhD, Alexios Carayannopoulos, DO
8:55-9:10A	Navigating the Expanding Landscape of SCS Waveforms	Moderated by Jason E. Pope, MD, Steven M. Falowski, MD Panelists: Kai McGreevy, MD, Lawrence Poree, MD, PhD, John A. Hatheway, MD, Derron K. Wilson, MD, Kathleen W. Meacham, MD, PhD, Jonathan Carlson, MD, Michael F. Esposito, MD
9:10-9:25A	The Future of SCS: Strategies to Protect Access to Care	Moderated by Hemant Kalia, MD, Mark N. Malinowski, DO Panelists: Neel Mehta, MD, Tariq AlFarra, DO, Iden Cowan, MD, Stephanie Vanterpool, MD, MBA, Paul Verrills, MD, Kasra Amirdelfan, MD, David W. Lee, MD
9:25-9:40A	PNS vs DRG: Choosing the Right Neuromodulation Target for Focal Neuropathic Pain	Moderated by Jacqueline Weisbein, DO, Tolga Suvar, MD Panelists: Nirav Shah, MD, Kenneth B. Chapman, MD, Kristen Jarzombek, MD, Leonardo Kapural, MD, PhD, Jordan Lee Tate, MD, Konstantin Slavin, MD, Jonathan Carlson, MD
9:40-10:00A	Break with Exhibits and Abstract Poster Viewing In Booth Demo – Sponsored by Platinum Sponsor Medtronic In Booth Demo – Sponsored by Silver Sponsor Nalu In Booth Demo – Sponsored by Diamond Sponsor Globus Product Theater – Sponsored by Mai Medical USA FDA-Cleared Neuromodulation: Transforming Patient Outcomes and Practice Performance Dr. Jason Mulder, Co-Chief Executive Officer, MAI Medical USA <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	

ASPN Executive Collaboration Committee:

Room Name: Fontaine Ballroom

10:00-10:15A	Presentation of Lifetime Achievement Awards	Presented by Timothy R. Deer, MD, Dawood Sayed, MD, Kasra Amirdelfan, MD Recipients: Elliot Krames, MD, and Stephen Hochschuler, MD
10:15-10:30A	Michael A. Fishman, MD, MBA Memorial Tribute	Scholarship Presentation: Timothy R. Deer, MD, Dawood Sayed, MD, Jason E. Pope, MD, Kasra Amirdelfan, MD Tribute: Megan Linehan, MD, Chau Vu, MD, David Reece, MD, Ricardo Vallejo, MD, Sameer Sabir
10:30-10:45A	Live to Be 100: The Physiological Impact of V02, Grip Strength and More on Longevity	Timothy R. Deer, MD

Peripheral Nerve Stimulation:

Room Name: Fontaine Ballroom

Moderated by Anuj Shah, DO, Denise Lester, MD

10:45-10:55A	ASPN Top Abstract <i>Dorsal Root Ganglion Stimulation Provides Robust and Sustained Clinical Benefit through Five Years: Results from the Prospective, Real-World, Large-Scale, REALITY Study</i>	Kenneth Chapman, MD
10:55-11:05A	ASPN Top Abstract <i>12 Month Outcomes from a Multicenter Pragmatic Randomized Controlled Trial (RESET): Comparison of 60-Day PNS to Usual Care with Standard Interventional Management in Chronic Low Back Pain</i>	Denise Lester, MD
11:05-11:20A	Multifidus Neurostimulation: What We've Learned and What Comes Next	Moderated by Rebecca Sanders, MD, David W. Lee, MD Panelists: Anthony Giuffrida, MD, Meredith Langhorst, MD, David Dickerson, MD, Mazhar Rasul, MD, Anuj Shah, DO, Denise Lester, MD



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11:20-11:35A	Advanced Applications of Peripheral Nerve Stimulation: Suprascapular, Genicular, Cluneal Nerves and more	Moderated by Konstantin Slavin, MD, Vinita Singh, MD Panelists: Ioannis Skaribas, MD, Johnathan Goree, MD, Ali Valimahomed, MD, Sayed Emal Wahezi, MD, Denise Lester, MD, Gil Gontre, MD, David Reece, DO
11:35-11:50A	The New Era of Electroceuticals: Emerging Non-invasive Modalities	Moderated by Eric G. Cornidez, MD, MBA Panelists: Leonardo Kapural, MD, PhD, Sean Li, MD, Anna Woodbury, MD, Anthony Giuffrida, MD, Jason C. Rosenberg, MD, Dawn A. Sparks, DO
11:50A-12:00P	Transition to Lunch	
12:00-1:00P	Lunch Symposium Sponsored by Platinum Sponsor Stryker <i>BVNA in Practice: A Multidisciplinary Perspective on Vertebroprogenic Pain</i> <i>Sean Li, MD, Anthony Giuffrida, MD, Jad Khalil, MD, Douglas P. Beall, MD</i> Room Name: Glimmer 1-4 <i>Sponsored symposia will NOT be part of the CME program, nor eligible for CME credit</i>	
12:00-1:00P	Lunch Symposium Sponsored by Platinum Sponsor Medtronic <i>Advancing Pain Care: Exploring Medtronic's Comprehensive Pain Management Portfolio with a Spotlight on ViaVerte™ BVNA</i> <i>Krishnan Chakravarthy, MD, PhD, Tammy Dann, DO, MPH, Melissa Murphy, MD, MPH, Shiraz Yazdani, MD</i> Room Name: Glimmer 5-7 <i>Sponsored symposia will NOT be part of the CME program, nor eligible for CME credit</i>	

12:00-1:00P	Lunch Symposium Sponsored by Platinum Sponsor Saluda Medical <i>Objective by Design: Disrupting Pain with the Evoke® System</i> <i>Jason E. Pope, MD, Johnathan Goree, MD, Erika A. Petersen, MD, Eric G. Cornidez, MD, MBA, Ajay Antony, MD, Drew Trainor, DO</i> Room Name: Flicker 1-3 <i>Sponsored symposia will NOT be part of the CME program, nor eligible for CME credit</i>
1:00-1:10P	Transition Back to Sessions
General Session: Room Name: Fontaine Ballroom OrthoBiologics & Pharmacologics Moderated by Sudhir Diwan, MD, Alane B. Costanzo, MD	Business and Law in Medicine Breakout Session: Room Name: Fleur de Lis Course Directors: Rehan Waheed, DO, JD, Paul Lynch, MD, Sanjay Bakshi, MD, MBA
1:10-1:20P ASPN Top Abstract <i>One-Year Outcomes of an Investigational Injectable Hydrogel for Chronic Low Back Pain Due to Degenerative Disc Disease</i> Presented by Douglas P. Beall, MD	1:10-1:30P More Than Claims: Building End-to-End Revenue Strategies That Actually Work Moderated by Rehan Waheed, DO, JD Panelists: Terin Champion, Melissa Murphy, MD, Jack Diep, MD, Jessica Jameson, MD, Rany T. Abdallah, MD, PhD, MBA, Jeremy Joyal, MD
1:20-1:35P Intradiscal Therapies: Current Evidence, New Insights and Future Directions Moderated by Nomen Azeem, MD, Jacqueline Weisbein, DO Panelists: Douglas P. Beall, MD, Corey W. Hunter, MD, Sean Li, MD, Alane B. Costanzo, MD, Sudhir Diwan, MD, Timothy T. Davis, MD	1:30-1:50P Billing and Compliance in 2026: New Regulations, New Risks, and New Opportunities Moderated by Sanjay Bakshi, MD, MBA Panelists: Terin Champion, Jessica Jameson, MD, Kenneth Candido, MD, Rany T. Abdallah, MD, PhD, MBA, Juan Carlos Santos, Esq., LL.M
1:35-1:50P Non-opioid Medication Options in Chronic Pain: Suzetrigine, High Dose Capsaicin, Naltrexone, Ketamine, and More Moderated by Alane B. Costanzo, MD, Christopher Robinson, MD, PhD Panelists: Caitlin D. Tourjé, MD, Lisa R. Kroopf, MD, Youssef Josephson, DO, Vinita Singh, MD, Alaa Abd-Elseyed, MD, MPH, Latrice Akuamoah, MD	



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1:50-2:05P Advances in Longevity and Regenerative Medicine Moderated by Paul Verrills, MD, Dawn A. Sparks, DO Panelists: Rick M. Paicius, MD, Sudhir Diwan, MD, Zeeshan Tayeb, MD, Rany T. Abdallah, MD, PhD, MBA, Nomen Azeem, MD, Rohit Aiyer, MD	1:50-2:05P Staying on the Right Side of the Law: The 2026 Survival Guide for Pain Providers Moderated by Rehan Waheed, DO, JD Panelists: Aaron K. Calodney, MD, Denis G. Patterson, DO, Benjamin Gill, DO, MBA, Sanjay Bakshi, MD, MBA
2:05-2:20P The Role of GLP-1 Receptor Agonists in Pain Management: Mechanisms, Clinical Evidence, and Future Directions Moderated by Alaa Abd-Elseyed, MD, Ajay Antony, MD Panelists: Sahil Gupta, MD, Kenneth B. Chapman, MD, Latrice Akuamoah, MD, Mansoor M. Aman, MD, Tammy Dann, DO, Patrick Buchanan, MD	2:05-2:20P Personal Injury: How to Grow a Successful and Robust PI Practice Moderated by Rehan Waheed, DO, JD, Suzanne Manzi, MD Panelists: Timothy T. Davis, MD, Mayank Gupta, MD, Myrdalis Diaz-Ramirez, MD, Youssef Josephson, DO, Jack Diep, MD
2:20-2:50P	Break with Exhibits and Abstract Poster Viewing Room Name: Sparkle Ballroom <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>
Alternative Pain Management Moderated by Keith Javery, DO	Business and Law in Medicine Breakout Session: Room Name: Fleur de Lis
2:50-3:00P ASPAN Top Abstract Bioelectronic Electro-Osmotic Therapy for Early to Moderate Degenerative Disc Disease: Safety and Preliminary Clinical Evidence with the Discure System Presented by Douglas P. Beall, MD	2:50-3:10P Expert Witness 101: Launching a Successful Career Moderated by Paul Lynch, MD, Myrdalis Diaz-Ramirez, MD Panelists: Aaron K. Calodney, MD, Timothy R. Lubenow, MD, Michael F. Esposito, MD, Christopher J. Gilligan, MD, Stanley Golovac, MD, Jason C. Rosenberg, MD
3:00-3:10P ASPAN Top Abstract Proactive Remote Monitoring Supports Long-term Optimization of Spinal Cord Stimulation: 24-Month Real-World Results in an Expanded Cohort Presented by Jason E. Pope, MD	



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3:10-3:25P The Role of Rehabilitation in Comprehensive Interventional Care Moderated by Denis G. Patterson, DO, Alexios Carayannopoulos, DO Panelists: Greg Moore, MD, Anuj Shah, DO, Vwaire Orhurhu, MD, Vinny Francio, MD, Alexa Moreira, MD	3:10-3:30P Cash Pay and Concierge Medicine: Is 2026 the Turning Point? Moderated by Rehan Waheed, DO, JD, Gladstone C. McDowell II, MD Panelists: Jordan Lee Tate, MD, Ioannis Skaribas, MD, Nameer Haider MD, Rick M. Paicius, MD, Jay M. Shah, MD
3:25-3:40P Modern Management of Facial Pain and Headache Moderated by Salim M. Hayek, MD, PhD, David Reece, DO Panelists: Corey W. Hunter, MD, Matt Rupert, MD, Mayank Gupta, MD, Monika Y. Patel, MD, Aileen Padilla, DO	3:30-3:50P How to Thrive in a Growing, Large Practice Environment Moderated by Sanjay Bakshi, MD, MBA, Neel Mehta, MD Panelists: Eric G. Cornidez, MD, MBA, Christopher J. Mallard, MD, Jeremy Joyal, MD, Mark Coleman, MD, John V. Prunskis, MD
3:40-3:55P Rethinking CRPS: Updated Guidelines and Modern Management Moderated by David W. Lee, MD, Christopher A. Gilmore, MD Panelists: Kenneth Candido, MD, Michael S. Leong, MD, Yashar Eshraghi, MD, Christopher Gharibo, MD, Anna Woodbury, MD, Christopher K. Kim, MD	3:50-4:10P Grow or Get Left Behind: The Power of Mergers & Acquisitions in Today's Pain Market Moderated by Sanjay Bakshi, MD, MBA Panelists: Kyle Brown, Ali Nairizi, MD, Yeshvant A. Navalgund, MD, Christopher J. Gilligan, MD, Youssef Josephson, DO
3:55-4:10P More than Pain Relief: How Neuromodulation is Expanding Across Medicine Moderated by Nasir Khatri, MD Panelists: Konstantin Slavin, MD, Octavia Kincaid, MD, Nick Knezevic, MD, PhD, Eric T. Lee, MD, Robert Levy, MD, PhD	4:10-4:30P Private Equity: The Benefits, Risks, and Realities for Pain Practices Moderated by Sanjay Bakshi, MD, MBA, Derron K. Wilson, MD Panelists: Yeshvant A. Navalgund, MD, Jeremy Joyal, MD, Amol Soin, MD, Chad B. Stephens, DO
4:10-4:25P Patient Selection Beyond Imaging: The Psychological Determinants of Outcome Moderated by Rohit Aiyer, MD, Octavia Kincaid, MD Panelists: Christopher M. Lam, MD, Meredith Langhorst, MD, John S. Michels, MD, Aashish Jay Kumar, MD, Yussr Ibrahim, MD, Zeeshan Tayeb, MD	4:30-4:45P Digital Marketing That Moves the Needle: What Works in 2026 Moderated by Paul Lynch, MD, Ramana K. Naidu, MD Panelists: Scott G. Pritzlaff, MD, Vwaire Orhurhu, MD, Jay M. Shah, MD, Anthony Giuffrida, MD, Stephanie Vanterpool, MD, MBA
4:25-4:40P From Published Guidelines to Bedside: Optimizing Patient Care Moderated by Yussr Ibrahim, MD, Hemant Kalia, MD Panelists: George E. Girardi, MD, Michael Gofeld, MD, PhD, George M. Galvan, MD, Ajay Antony, MD, Jason E. Pope, MD, Alaa Abd-Elseyed, MD	



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4:40-4:55P More than Representation: Diversity That Drives Innovation and Excellence Moderated by Denise Lester, MD, Latrice Akuamoah, MD, MPH Panelists: Jennifer Marie Lee, MD, Yashar Eshraghi, MD, Kristen Jarzombek, MD, Philip Kim, MD, Michael F. Esposito, MD, Jeffrey E. Arle, MD, PhD	4:45-5:05P How to Negotiate with Payers in 2026 to Save Lives and Money Moderated by Paul Lynch, MD, Mansoor M. Aman, MD Panelists: Bea Salvanera, NP, Amol Soin, MD, Christopher J. Gilligan, MD, Ali Nairizi, MD, Yeshvant A. Navalgund, MD	
4:55-5:05P ASPAN Top Abstract: VAS Back & ODI Outcomes Through 6 Months Presented by Paul Verrills, MD		
5:05P Closing Remarks Krishnan Chakravarthy, MD, PhD		
5:00-6:00P	Reception Sponsored by Gold Sponsor Curonix <i>Full-Body Innovation with Curonix: Elevating Patient Care Together</i> <i>Douglas P. Beall, MD, Hemant Kalia, MD, MPH, FIPP, FAAPMR, Robert Moghim, MD, Denis G. Patterson, DO, Jonathan E. Silverman, MD, Konstantin Slavin, MD, FAANS</i> Room Name: Glimmer 5-7 <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	
6:00-7:30P	ASPAN Charity Reception Sponsored by Silver Sponsor Aurora <i>"The Fusion" Where the Future Meets the Present</i> Room name: Glimmer 1-4 <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	Hosted by: Timothy R. Deer, MD, and Dawood Sayed, MD All Attendees Invited - \$50 Donation Recommended Attire: Futuristic Formal/Step into the Future

Sunday, July 19, 2026

Moderated by Melissa Murphy, MD

Time (EDT)	Topic	Speakers
8:00A	Exhibitors Please Break Down Exhibits	



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8:15-8:25A	Welcome Day 3	Melissa Murphy, MD
8:25-8:35A	ASPAN Top Abstract <i>Real-World SCS Utilization and Explant Patterns in 1,000 Patients From a Multicenter Consecutive Case Series</i>	Jason E. Pope, MD
8:35-8:50A	Innovating Beyond the Plateau: Reimagining Pain and Spine Training	Moderated by Scott Pritzlaff, MD Panelists: Vinny Francio, MD, Tolga Suvar, MD, Sayed Emal Wahezi, MD, Stephanie Vanterpool, MD, MBA, Arti Ori, MD, Christopher J. Mallard, MD
8:50-9:00A	ASPAN Top Abstract <i>A Real-World Pilot Integration of Human-In-Loop Artificial Intelligence in Proactive Patient Care</i>	David Dickerson, MD
9:00-9:15A	Controversies in Spine and Pain	Moderated by Harold Cordner, MD, Matt Rupert, MD Panelists: Sanjeev Kumar, MD, Mark N. Malinowski, DO, Philip Kim, MD, Christopher J. Mallard, MD, Stephanie Vanterpool, MD, MBA
9:15-9:25A	ASPAN Top Abstract <i>High-frequency spinal cord stimulation (SCS) improves sensory function in individuals with painful diabetic neuropathy (PDN): A randomized controlled trial, with 12-months of follow-up</i>	Erika Petersen, MD
9:25-9:40A	Coding and Policy Updates: How Advocacy Can Improve Access	Moderated by Hemant Kalia, MD, Mark N. Malinowski, DO Panelists: Harold Cordner, MD, Philip Kim, MD, Christopher J. Mallard, MD, Corey W. Hunter, MD, George M. Galvan, MD



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9:40-9:50A	ASPAN Top Abstract <i>Clinical Effectiveness, Safety and Healthcare Utilization of Peripheral Nerve Stimulation: Real-World Data from Chronic Pain Patients</i>	Robert Moghim, MD
9:50-10:05A	Extending Healthspan: What Pain Specialists Should Know About Longevity	Moderated by Paul Verrills, MD, Dawn Sparks, DO Panelists: Pooja R. Chopra, MD, Alane B. Costanzo, MD, Suzanne Manzi, MD, Lisa R. Kroopf, MD, Nirav Shah, MD
Young Innovator Sessions Moderated by Vinny Francio, MD, and Anuj Shah, DO		
10:05-10:20A	ASPAN P2P Top Abstracts: 10:06-10:10A <i>Success Proven, Care Delayed: National Patterns in Time from Spinal Cord Stimulator Trial to Permanent Implantation</i> 10:11-10:15A <i>Gaps in Fellowship Training for Minimally Invasive Lumbar Spinal Stenosis Procedures: A National Survey of Interventional Pain Physicians</i> 10:16-10:20A <i>Evaluating the Impact of a Simulation-Based Curriculum: Implementing Early Exposure Interventions in Pain Medicine P2P</i>	Introduced by Melissa Murphy, MD and Benjamin Gill, DO Christian Gulde, MD, MBA Siddardth Umapathy, DO Adedeji Olusanya, DO
10:20-10:35A	Young Innovators: Accelerate Career Advancements in Interventional Pain	Moderated by Vinny Francio, MD, and Anuj Shah, DO Panelists: Benjamin Gill, DO, Yussr Ibrahim, MD, Alexa Moreira, MD, Pooja R. Chopra, MD, Siddardth Umapathy, DO, Kristen Jarzombek, MD



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10:45-11:00A	Match or Miss: How to Stand Out in the Pain Fellowship Arms Race	Moderated by Dawn Sparks, DO Panelists: Vinny Francio, MD, Benjamin Gill, DO, Anthony Giuffrida, MD, Myrdalis Diaz-Ramirez, MD, Alexa Moreira, MD
11:00-11:10A	ASPAN Top Abstract <i>Posterior versus lateral approach to minimally invasive sacroiliac joint fusion: a retrospective propensity score- matched cohort study</i>	Ellie Rogers and Leonardo Kapural, MD, PhD
11:10-11:25A	Academic, Hospital or Private Practice: Where will you actually thrive?	Moderated by Tolga Suvar, MD, Scott Pritzlaff, MD Panelists: Stanley Golovac, MD, Sanjeev Kumar, MD, Monika Patel, MD, Alexa Moreira, MD, Siddardth Umapathy, DO, Christopher J. Mallard, MD
11:25-11:35A	ASPAN Top Abstract <i>Three-Year Outcomes of Spinal Cord Stimulation across Multiple Indications: A Prospective, Global, Real-world Registry</i>	Sayed Emal Wahezi, MD
11:35-11:45A	ASPAN Top Abstract <i>Interim Long-term Pain and Functional Outcomes from the COMFORT Peripheral Nerve Stimulation Randomized Control Trial</i>	John A. Hatheway, MD
11:45A-12:00P	Closing Remarks	Melissa Murphy, MD