



International Society of Pain and Neuroscience (ISPN)

ISPN 2026: The Global Spine & Pain Revolution

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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 8:00-8:10A - Welcome & Course Overview Giuliano Lo Bianco and Ali Valimahomed 8:10-8:25A - Ultrasound Fundamentals & Sonoanatomy Essentials Ali Valimahomed, MD (USA) 8:25-8:35A - Patient Selection & Procedure Strategy Giuliano Lo Bianco, MD, PhD (Italy) 8:35-11:35A - Hands-On Ultrasound Lab – 5 Rotating Stations, 35-minutes per rotation - 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), Remco Liebrechts (Netherlands) - Cervical Spine & Head Pain - Michael Gofeld (Canada), Hesham Elsharkawy (USA) 11:35-11:50A - Advanced Applications & Future Directions (regenerative, PNS, hybrid imaging) - Massimo Allegri 11:50A-12:00P - Wrap-Up, Key Takeaways & Q&A Additional Faculty: Nasir Khatri, MD
12:00-1:00P	Lunch - Sponsored by Globus <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: Christopher Robinson, Ansar Mahmood BMAC - Sudhir Diwan, Aaron K. Calodney mFAT - Timothy T. Davis, Adnan Al-Kaisy PRP/Protein Concentrate - Ricardo Ruiz Lopez, Victor Pacheco, Jordan Lee Tate Business of Regenerative Medicine - Ansar Mahmood Additional Faculty: Nasir Khatri, MD

2:30-4:30P	Young Innovator Pre-Conference Sessions Course Directors: Harry Soar and David van Vemde Young Innovators Committee Chair: Martina Rekatsina 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>
4:30-5:00P	Young Innovator Reception Sponsored by Reactiv8 Hosted by: Harry Soar, David van Vemde and Jan-Willem Kallewaard
5:00P	Welcome Reception with Exhibits Sponsored By Gold Sponsor BIOTRONIK Neuro 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 Amirdelfan, Douglas P. Beall Panelists: Jordan Lee Tate, 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: Jonathan Carlson, Stanley Golovac, Christopher Robinson, David Brinkman, Victor M Silva Ortiz, 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	The Sea Inside the Spine: The Role of Ziconotide	Georgios Matis
9:35-9:50A	The Current and Future of Targeted Drug Delivery in Common Indications	Moderated by Amin Elyas, 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-Elseyed, Jason Pope Panelists: Ricardo Plancarte, Ashish Gulve, Maarten Moens, Aaron Calodney, Melissa Murphy, Jan Vesper
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	Ganesan 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	Ganesan Baranidharan
12:00-12:10P	Transition to Lunch	
12:10-1:00P	Lunch Symposium Sponsored by Abbott	

	How Can Innovation and Evidence Together Deliver Better Outcomes? Steven Falowski, MD, Naoufel Ouerchefani, MD, Timothy Deer, MD, Pankaj Mehta, MD <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>		
1:10-1:25P	Challenges in Global Expansion of New Technologies	Moderated by Timothy Deer, Dawood Sayed
1:25-1:40P	Industry TBD	Moderated by Jason Pope, Kasra Amirdelfan
1:40-1:55P	Industry TBD	Moderated by Steven M. Falowski, Reda Tolba
Artificial Intelligence Room Name: Matterhorn		
1:55-2:10P	Artificial Intelligence and How It Will Impact Global Spine and Pain Care (Title TBD by the lecturer)	Robert Moghim
2:10-2:25P	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
2:25-2:40P	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
2:40-2:50P	Moderated Q&A	Robert Moghim
2:50-3:20P	Break with Exhibits Room Name: Zurich <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	
Pharmacologics Room Name: Matterhorn		
3:20-3:35P	Novel Pharmacological Agents in Pain Management - (Title TBD by the lecturer)	Xander Zuidema
3:35-3:50P	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
3:50-4:05P	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, Victor M Silva Ortiz

4:05-4:15P	Moderated Q&A	Jan-Willem Kallewaard
Science Hour Room Name: Matterhorn		
4:15-4:30P	Basic Science in SCS for Pain: What Have We Learned After 40 Years?	Ilona Obara
4:30-4:45P	Waveforms in SCS: Do They Really Have Different Mechanisms of Action?	Moderated by Ilona Obara Panelists: Usman Latif, Jose de Andres, Cecile de Vos, Krishnan Chakravarthy, Dirk de Ridder, Mazhar Rasul
4:45-5:00P	Loss of Efficacy in SCS: What Does the Science Tell Us?	Moderated by Jan-Willem Kallewaard Panelists: Anuj Bhatia, Sam Eldabe, Lisa Goudman, Ilona Obara, Jason Pope, Salim Hayek
5:00P	Day 1 Closing Remarks	Jan-Willem Kallewaard, Harold Nijhuis, Krishnan Chakravarthy
5:00-6:00P	Reception with Exhibits Sponsored by Curonix 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 Maciacyk, Frank Wille, Wout van Oosterwyck, Martina Rekatsina, Mark Malinowski
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 Sponsored by Saluda Medical 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:	
11:00-11:20A	ISPN Awards: <i>Lifetime Achievement</i> - Frank Huygen, MD, PhD <i>Excellence in Global Education Award</i> - Kavita Poply; Vivek Mehta <i>International Clinical Excellence Award 2026</i> - Victor M. Silva-Ortiz <i>Young Innovator of the Year</i> - Martina Rekatsina, MD	
11:20-11:25A	Transition to Lunch	
11:25A-12:15P	Lunch Symposium Sponsored by Medtronic <i>Originator to Innovator: Shaping the Future of Pain Interventions</i> Dr. Jan Willem Kallewaard, Wesley van der Ven, Dr. Anu Kansal, Dr. Anjum Bux <i>Sponsored symposia will NOT be part of the CME program, nor eligible for CME credit</i>	
12:15-12:20P	Transition to Sessions	
Peripheral Nerve Stimulation Room Name: Matterhorn		

12:20-12:40P	ISPN Hall of Fame Lecture: Innovative Neuromodulation Therapies for Head and Facial Pain	Presented by 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award Winner, Jean-Pierre Van Buyten
12:40-1:00P	Peripheral Nerve Stimulation: Foundations, Clinical Applications and Future Directions	Moderated by Ali Valimahomed, Reda Tolba Panelists: Morad Nasser, Corey 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 Maciaczyk, 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-Elseyed, 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	1:40-1:45P Welcome Caro Edelbroek, Zohra Hussaini
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: Ganesan Baranidharan, Didier Demesmin, Jad Khalil, Soriaya Motivala, Robert Rapcan, Richard Ibrahim	1:45-2:05P Expanding SCS Indications: A Study on Chemo-induced Polyneuropathy Manon Jansen
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, Angel Boev	2:05-2:25P Novel Analgesics and Opioid-Sparing Pain Care Ashley Comer
2:25-2:35P	Moderated Q&A Steven Falowski	2:25-2:35P Q&A Ashley Comer, Manon Jansen
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	3:05-3:30P

Moderated by Nomen Azeem, Ashley Bailey-Classen Panelists: Jonathan Carlson, Timothy T. Davis, Morad Nasseri, Robert Rapcan, Victor Pacheco, Sudhir Diwan		Beyond Eligibility: Pre-Screening, Exclusion Criteria, and Readiness Assessment for Advanced Procedures Caro Edelbroek
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		3:30-3:50P Programming the Future: Closed-Loop SCS and the Next Era of Personalized Neuromodulation Zohra Hussaini
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		3:50-4:00P Q&A and Closing Remarks Caro Edelbroek, Zohra Hussaini
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, Mazhar Rasul
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, Guilherme Ferreira Dos Santos
4:30-4:45P	Defining Best Practices in Neuromodulation: Guidelines, Evidence and Clinical Reality	Moderated by Mark Malinowski 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 - Continue to the next page for the full agenda!

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7:10A	Recommended Departure Time from Movenpick
Public Transportation Directions: Mövenpick → Amsterdam Skills Centre (Please plan 40-50 minutes for travel) 1. From the Mövenpick, walk to the Muziekgebouw/Bimhuis tram stop directly outside the hotel. 2. Take Tram 26 toward Centraal Station – 1 stop. 3. At Amsterdam Centraal, follow signs for the Metro. 4. Take Metro 54 toward GEIN. 5. Exit at Station Holendrecht. 6. Walk to Amsterdam Skills Centre, Tafelbergweg 47, 1105 BD Amsterdam. Important: On Metro 54, make sure the destination shown is GEIN. That means you're traveling in the correct direction.	
8:00-8:40A	Check In at Lab – Coffee and Pastries
Lecture Series - Mumbai Room	
8:40-9:00A	Patient Selection, Pearls and Pitfalls: DRG Sean Li
9:00-9:20A	Patient Selection, Pearls and Pitfalls: Closed Loop Spinal Cord Stimulation Eric Cornidez
9:20-9:40A	Patient Selection, Pearls and Pitfalls: Occipital Nerve Stimulation Frank Huygen
9:40-10:00A	Patient Selection, Pearls and Pitfalls: TBD
Hands-On Cadaver Workshop 1-Hour Rotation at Each Station	
10:00A-12:00P Groups will rotate through 2 of the 4 stations - 1 hour rotation per station	DRG Sean Li
	Closed Loop Spinal Cord Stimulation Eric Cornidez
	Occipital Nerve Stimulation Frank Huygen
	TBD
12:00-12:30P	Lunch **not part of the CME program, not eligible for CME credits

12:30-2:30P Groups to complete final 2 rotations - 1 hour rotation per station	DRG Harold Nijhuis
	Closed Loop Spinal Cord Stimulation Eric Cornidez
	Occipital Nerve Stimulation Frank Huygen
	TBD
2:30P	<i>Departures</i>