



International Society of Pain and Neuroscience (ISPN)

United to Conquer Pain

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Planning Committee: Adnan Al-Kaisy, Kasra Amirdelfan, Dawood Sayed, Timothy Deer, Steven Falowski, Jason Pope, Ganesan Barani, Harry Soar, Reda Tolba, Derron Wilson, Jan-Willem Kallewaard, Craig Montgomery, Sadiq Bhayani

Thursday, October 9, 2025	
3:00-7:00P	Exhibitor Set Up Room Name: Royal Suite <i>Sponsored symposia will NOT be part of the CME program, nor eligible for CME credit</i>
9:00A-4:00P	Ultrasound and Regenerative Medicine Workshop Room Name: Kingdom Suite Doug Beall, Sudhir Diwan, Ansar Mahmood, Sadiq Bhayani, Raja Reddy, Anuj Bhatia, Wout Van Oosterwyck, Agnes Stogicza, Michael Gofeld, Hesham Elsharkawy, Amitabh Gulati, Denise Lester, Ali Valimahomed

Friday, October 10, 2025		
7:45A	Registration Open	
Time (GMT)	Topic	Speakers
Day 1 Modern Approaches to Minimally Invasive Spinal Treatments: Improving Outcomes and Redefining Standards in Spinal Care.		
Block 1: Evidence-based Pain Medicine Room Name: Kingdom Suite		
8:20-8:30A	Welcome to ISPN PAIN 2025 "United to Conquer Pain"	Adnan Al-Kaisy
8:30-8:40A	Driving a New Paradigm for Chronic Axial Low Back Pain: Science, Discovery, and Evidence for Basivertebral Nerve Ablation	Timothy R. Deer
8:40-8:55A	Diagnosing Vertebrogenic Pain Using Biomarkers and Understanding Predictors of Treatment Success.	Moderator: Timothy R. Deer Panel: Nomen Azeem, Jason E. Pope, Reda M. Tolba, Dawood Sayed , Manojit Sinha , Vinny Francio
8:55-9:05A	Minimally Invasive Treatment of Spinal Stenosis	Steven M. Falowski
9:05-9:20A	How Would You Treat This Patient? Percutaneous, Interspinous Distraction, Endoscopic, Open?	Moderator: Dawood Sayed, Ganesan Barani Panel: Steven M. Falowski, Didier Demesmin, Gurtej Singh, Manish Raj, Jake Timothy, Richard Ibrahim
9:20-9:30A	The Future of Treatment Options for Painful Discs	Kasra Amirdelfan, Douglas P. Beall
9:30-9:45A	Pain from the Disc: Inject, Regenerate, Fuse, Stimulate?	Moderator: Kasra Amirdelfan, Aaron K. Calodney Panel: Ansar Mahmood, Douglas P. Beall Sudhir Diwan, Annu Navani, Ricardo Ruiz-Lopez

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9:45-9:55A	Modern Approaches to RFA for Back Pain	Jan Van Zundert
9:55-10:10A	Optimal Ablation Technique for RFA: Conventional, Large Lesion, and Non-Invasive US.	Moderator: Jan Van Zundert, Adnan Al-Kaisy Panel: Michael Gofeld, Leonardo Kapural, Giuliano Lo Bianco, Philippa Armstrong, Agnes Stogicza
10:10-10:25A	Strategies to Improve Global Access to Minimally Invasive Spinal Treatments	Moderator: Timothy R. Deer, Dawood Sayed Panel: Victor Silva, Reda M. Tolba, Erika A. Petersen, Sudhir Diwan, Adnan Al-Kaisy
10:30-11:00A	Break with Exhibits and Abstract Poster Viewing Room Name: Royal Suite <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	
Block 2: Top Abstracts Part 1 Room Name: Kingdom Suite		
11:00-11:02A	ISPN Top Abstracts	Kasra Amirdelfan
11:03-11:09A	Top Abstract 1	
11:10-11:16A	Top Abstract 2	
11:17-11:23A	Top Abstract 3	
11:24-11:30A	Top Abstract 4	
11:30A-12:30P	Lunch Symposium Sponsored by Titanium Sponsor Abbott <i>Sponsored symposia will NOT be part of the CME program, nor eligible for CME credit</i>	
Block 3: Sacroiliac Joint Pain Room Name: Kingdom Suite		
12:30-12:40P	The Current Landscape of Sacroiliac Joint Treatments	Leonardo Kapural
12:40-12:55P	Treating Sacroiliac Joint Dysfunction: Conservative, Injections, Ablations, or Surgery	Moderator: Ganesan Barani, Leonardo Kapural Panel: Derron K. Wilson, Vivek Mehta, Steve Ward, Ansar Mahmood, Jacqueline Weisbein, Sheila Black
12:55-1:10P	Surgical Approaches to Sacroiliac Joint Pain: Lateral, Posterior, Allograft, and Screws..What does the data suggest?	Moderator: Steven M. Falowski, Erika Petersen Panel: Jacqueline Weisbein, Jake Timothy, Steve Ward, Douglas P. Beall, Nomen Azeem, Jaykar Panchematia
Block 4: Regenerative Medicine Room Name: Kingdom Suite		
1:10-1:20P	The Transformative Potential of Regenerative Medicine: Past, Present, and Future	Ansar Mahmood
1:20-1:35P	Patient Selection: Pearls and Pitfalls in Intradiscal Therapy	Moderator: Sudhir Diwan, Annu Navani Panel: Ganesan Barani, Birender Balain, Ioannis M. Skaribas, Jan-Willem Kallewaard, Robert Rapcan, Derron K. Willson

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1:35-1:50P	What is the Evidence for Regenerative Medicine for Painful MSK Conditions?	Moderator: Kasra Amirdelfan, Jonathan Carlson Panel: Aaron K. Calodney, Victor Pacheco, Timothy T. Davis, Ansar Mahmood, Raja Ready, Stanley Lam, Jen Li Pan
Block 5: The Role of Endoscopy in Spine Room Name: Kingdom Suite		
1:50-2:00P	The ABC's of Spinal Endoscopy	Alistair Gibson
2:00-2:15P	Spinal Endoscopy: When to Use It?	Moderator: Gurtej Singh Panel: Richard Ibrahim, Didier Demesmin, Stephano Palmisani, Manish Raj, Birender Balain, Jose De Andres
2:15-2:25P	From Innovation to Evidence: What Do We Really Know About Endoscopic Lumbar Surgery?	Moderator: Didier Demesmin Panel: Robert Rapcan, Ifran Malik, Alistair Gibson, Sinan Barazi, Angel Boev
2:30-3:00P	Break with Exhibits Room Name: Royal Suite <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	
Block 6: Evidenced-based Medicine and Biomarkers Room Name: Kingdom Suite		
3:00-3:10P	Bridging the Gap Between Published Evidence and Clinical Practice	Steve Ward
3:10-3:25P	What Guidelines Should We Follow? NICE, ASPN, Cochran, BMJ	Moderator: Harold Nijhuis, Steve Ward Panel: Krishnan Chakravarthy, Michael E. Schatman, Mark N. Malinowski, Hesham Elsharkawy, Ashley Bailey-Classen, Craig Montgomery
3:25-3:35P	Imaging & Genetic Biomarkers for Low Back Pain	Irene Tracey
3:35-3:50P	Diagnosing Back Pain using MR Imaging, Spectroscopy and Biomarkers	Moderator: Douglas P. Beall, John Sutcliffe Panel: Sebastien Ourselin, Massimo Allegri, Maarten Moens, Philippe Rigoard, Simon Blease, Angel Boev
Block 7: Neuroscience Hour Room Name: Kingdom Suite		
3:50-4:00P	TBD Lecture	Rob Levy
4:00-4:20P	Decoding Pain: Advances in the Neuroscience of Back and Neuropathic Pain	Moderator: Tom Yearwood, Rob Levy Panel: Jordi Serra, Irene Tracey, Ashish Shetty, Dirk DeRidder
4:20-4:30P	Day 1 Closing Remarks	Adnan Al-Kaisy

Saturday, October 11, 2025		
Time (GMT)	Topic	Speakers
7:45A	Registration Open	
Day 2 Neuromodulation		
Block 1: Innovation in Neuromodulation Room Name: Kingdom Suite		
8:30-8:40P	Are the Criticisms of SCS Real?	Sam Eldabe
8:40-8:55P	Examining the Data in SCS: Where Does It Work and How Durable Is It?	Moderator: Usman Latif and Jordan Lee Tate Panel: Tom Yearwood, Adnan AL-Kaisy, Ganesan Barani, Kasra Amirdelfan, Anuj Bhatia, Ibrahim Asik
8:55-9:05A	Why Closed Loop SCS?	Jason E. Pope
9:05-9:20A	When to Incorporate Closed Loop SCS into Practice	Moderator: Jason E. Pope Panel: Dawood Sayed, Harold Nijhuis, Erika A. Petersen, Stephano Palmisani, Tom Yearwood, Ashish Gulve, David Abejon
9:20-9:30A	An Overview of Paresthesia-Free SCS Therapies	Tom Yearwood
9:30-9:45A	Tackling Durability in Paresthesia Free SCS: Evidence-Based Strategies.	Moderator: Melissa Murphy and Miles Day Panel: Jonathan Carlson, Adnan AL-Kaisy, Timothy Deer, Jose De Andres, Jean-Pierre Van Buyten, Peter Staats
9:45-9:55A	Reducing Opioid Dependence Through Spinal Cord Stimulation: Evidence, Challenges, and Opportunities	Moderator: Timothy Deer, Victor Silva Panel: Ali Jerjir, Konstantin Slavin, Haggai Sharoon, Laurens Peene, Ashish Shetty, Miles Day
9:55-10:10A	Patient Selection for Spinal Cord Stimulation: From Guidelines to Real-World Decisions	Moderator: Peter Staats, Erika A. Petersen Panel: Wout Van Oosterwyck, Sean Li, Maarten Moens, Tiago Freitas, Wout Van Oosterwyck
10:10-10:30A	International Giants of Neuromodulation: Perspectives on the Future of SCS	Moderated by Timothy Deer, Dawood Sayed Panel: Steven M. Falowski, Leonardo Kapural, Jean-Pierre Van Buyten, Peter Staats, Sam Eldabe, Adnan AL-Kaisy, Kasra Amirdelfan
10:30-11:00A	Break with Exhibits and Abstract Poster Viewing - Sponsored by Saluda Medical Room Name: Royal Suite <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	
Block 2: Top Abstracts Part 2 Room Name: Kingdom Suite		
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Block 3: DRG and Peripheral Nerve Stimulation Room Name: Kingdom Suite		
12:30-12:40P	Peripheral Nerve Stimulation: What Can We Learn from Recent Evidence?	Konstantin Slavin
12:40-12:55P	PNS: What Are the Best Targets and Indications?	Moderator: Usman Latif Panel: Ali Valimahomed, Peter Staats, Fabricio Assis, Ali Jerjir, Alaa Abd-Elseyed, Denise Lester
12:55-1:05P	Treating Low Back Pain with Restorative Multifidus Neurostimulation	Ganesan Barani
1:05-1:20P	Patient Selection and Treatment Algorithm for Restorative Multifidus Neurostimulation	Moderator: Girish Vajramani Panel: Vinny Francio, Ashish Gulve, Victor Pacheco, Sheila Black, Philippa Armstrong, Vafi Salmasi
1:20-1:30P	Dorsal Root Ganglion Stimulation: Evidence for Focal Neuropathic Pain	Kenneth B. Chapman
1:30-1:45P	When is DRG the Best Option in Neuropathic Pain?	Moderator: Christopher J. Gilligan, Melissa Murphy Panel: Mark N. Malinowski, Sam Eldabe, Philippe Rigoard, Adnan Al-Kaisy, Kenneth B. Chapman, Jordan Lee Tate
Block 4: Cancer Pain and Intrathecal Drug Therapy Room Name: Kingdom Suite		
1:45-1:55P	Pathophysiology of Cancer Pain	Matt Brown
1:55-2:10P	Where Do We Stand in the Treatment of Cancer Pain? Pharmacotherapy vs Intrathecal Pumps vs Neurostimulation.	Moderator: Matt Brown, Amitabh Gulati Panel: Haggai Sharon, Jean-Pierre Van Buyten, Ibrahim Asik, Vafi Salmasi, Sadiq Bhayani, Raja Ready
2:10-2:15P	Spinal RFA for Vertebral Metastasis	Ricardo Plancarte
2:15-2:30P	Vertebral Augmentation and Spinal Ablation in Cancer Pain	Moderator: Amitabh Gulati, Miles Day Panel: Jaykar Panchamatia, Douglas P. Beall, Richard Ibrahim, Birender Balain, Jake Timothy, Manojit Sinha
2:30-3:00P	Break with Exhibits and Abstract Poster Viewing Room Name: Royal Suite <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	
3:00-5:00P	Break Out Session: Young Innovator Program Room Name: Oxford Suite **See full agenda on page 6-7	Program Chair: Harry Soar, Vinny Francio Faculty: Timothy Deer, Denise Lester, Martina Rekatsina, Benjamin Gill, Kavita Poply, Sheila Black, Ganesan Barani

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Block 5: SCS, Pain medication, Medicolegal Room Name: Kingdom Suite		
3:00-3:10P	The Evidence for SCS in Non-Surgical Low Back Pain	Jan-Willem Kallewaard
3:10-3:30P	Waveform Selection for SCS in Non Surgical Low Back Pain	Moderator: Jan-Willem Kallewaard, Sean Li Panel: Dirk DeRidder, Christopher J. Gilligan, Leonardo Kapural, Ganesan Barani, Adnan Al-Kaisy, Reda Tolba
3:30-3:40P	Medicolegal Current Challenges and Controversies	Raj Munglani
3:40-3:55P	Medicolegal Challenges in Pain Management and Neuromodulation	Moderator: Raj Munglani, Ioannis M. Skaribas Panel: Michael Spencer, Didier Demesmin, Matthew Trinder, Ali Valimahomed, Roger Knaggs, Sunny Nayee
Block 6: Facial and Pelvic Pain Room Name: Kingdom Suite		
3:55-4:05P	Neuromodulation for Facial and Headache Pain	Jean-Pierre Van Buyten
4:05-4:20P	The Role of Neurosurgery and Interventional Pain in the Treatment of Facial and Headache Pain	Moderator: Miles Day and Angel Boev Panel: Sinan Barazi, Giorgio Lambru, Serdar Erdine, Eleni Maratos, Tiago Freitas, Konstantin Slavin
4:20-4:30P	Advanced Treatment Options for Pelvic Pain	Corey Hunter
4:30-4:45P	Comprehensive Treatment Options for Neuropathic Pelvic Pain	Moderator: Corey Hunter Panel: Arun Sahai, Stephano Palmisani, Haggai Sharon, Laurens Peene, Tiago Freitas, Sheila Black, Ricardo Plancarte Sanchez
4:45-5:00P	Closing Remarks	Adnan Al-Kaisy
5:15P	Cocktail Reception with Exhibits Room Name: Royal Suite <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	

Young Innovator Break Out Session Agenda Room Name: Oxford Suite		
3:00-3:05P	Introduction to session	Harry Soar and Vinny Francio
3:05-3:10P	PNS - Why should we learn? (Why is it a key part of the future of pain medicine)	Benjamin Gill
3:10-3:20P	PNS Targets and Evidence	Denise Lester
3:20-3:30P	PNS Procedure/Clinical tips	Sheila Black
3:30-3:40P	PNS Panel/Q&A	Moderated by Benjamin Gill Panel: Sheila Black, Denise Lester
3:40-4:00P	Drinks/Networking Break Sponsored by Curonix	

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4:00-4:05P	Challenges and Future Directions in Global Pain Medicine training	Martina Rekatsina
4:05-4:15P	Challenges and Future Directions in Global Pain Medicine training	Moderated by Vinny Francio Panel: Martina Rekatsina, Ganesan Barani
4:15-4:35P	How to build a successful career	Timothy Deer, Harry Soar
4:35-4:45P	Neuromod Education	Kavita Poply
4:45-4:50P	ISPN Young Innovator of the Year Award	Presented by Harry Soar
4:50-5:00P	Closing	Harry Soar, Vinny Francio

Sunday, October 12, 2025 | King's College

Lab Directors: Jason E. Pope, MD, Steven M. Falowski, MD, Adnan Al-Kaisy, MD

Meet in Foyer of Millenium Hotel for Shuttle Transportation to King's College	
7:00A	Shuttle Transportation to King's College for Lab
8:00A	Check In for Lab
Lab and Lecture Series Group A – Hands On Lab 9:00A-12:00P; Lectures 1:00-4:00P Group B – Lectures 9:00A-12:00P; Hands On Lab 1:00-4:00P Attendees will be split into two groups for the day. Group A will attend the hands-on portion in the morning sessions, Group B will attend Lectures. After lunch, the groups will swap.	
Percutaneous Image-Guided Lumbar Decompression Proctored By	Patient Selection, Pearls and Pitfalls: Percutaneous Image-Guided Lumbar Decompression Presented By
DRG Proctored By	Patient Selection, Pearls and Pitfalls: DRG Presented By
Closed Loop SCS Proctored By	Patient Selection, Pearls and Pitfalls: Closed Loop SCS Presented By
Lateral Interspinous Fusion Proctored By	Patient Selection, Pearls and Pitfalls: Lateral Interspinous Fusion Presented By
Kyphoplasty Proctored By	Patient Selection, Pearls and Pitfalls: Kyphoplasty Presented By
12:00-1:00P	Lunch **not part of the CME program, not eligible for CME credits