

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>	
1:00-5:00P	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>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
ASPAN Presents Neurotech Horizons: Breakthrough into the Future <i>*Not part of the CME program</i> Room Name: Flicker (4th Floor) Course Directors: Erika A. Petersen, MD, Melissa Murphy, MD 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	ASPAN Hands-on Cadaver Lab Room Name: Fontaine Ballroom Course Directors: Steven M. Falowski, MD, Jason E. Pope, MD, and Ashley Bailey-Classen, DO Rotations will be 45-minutes 8:00-11:45A	Ultrasound Lab and Regenerative Medicine Course Room Name: Fleur de Lis Course Directors: Ali Valimahomed, MD, David Rosenblum, MD 8:00A-12:00P – Ultrasound Focus 40-minute rotations
8:00-8:30A <i>From Great Idea to Term Sheet – or Trash Bin - What Venture Capitalists Really Look For</i> Moderated by Erika Petersen, MD Panelists: Kris Krustangel, Justin Klein, Jim Youssef, MD, Rob Faulkner, Brad Maruca	Station 1 DRG Morad Nasser, MD, Warren Lee Grace III, MD, Jonathan E Silverman, MD Station 2 Fluroscopy-guided High-intensity Focused Ultrasound (HIFU) Neurotomy Leonardo Kapural, MD, PhD, Mark F. Hurdle, MD	Head & Cervical Spine Hesham Elsharkawy, MD, MBA
8:30-9:00A <i>From Prototype to Patient - The Brutal Truth About Building a Neurotech Company</i>	Station 3 Spinal Cord Stimulation David W. Lee, MD, Jennifer Marie Lee, MD	Upper Extremity Leia Rispoli, MD



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<p>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, Jameil Pendleton, Bronson Lazarus, Justin Harvey</p>	<p>Station 5 ASPN CARES: Targeted Drug Delivery Tolga Suvar, MD, Matthew Chung, MD</p>	<p>Lower Extremity – Hip & Knee Neal Rakesh, MD</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Station 6 Intrathecal Programming and Pump Refill Edward Podgorski, MD, Timothy R. Lubenow, MD</p>	
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<p>10:00-10:30A <i>The Next Decade of Neurotech - What's Coming, What's Hype, and What Will Change Everything</i> Moderated by Kasra Amirdelfan, MD Panelists: Adrian Kimber, E. Jeffrey Donner, MD, Rob Binney, Nandan Lad, MD, PhD</p>	<p>Station 9 Micro IPG Peripheral Nerve Stimulation Omar Viswanath, MD, Eric Cornidez, MD, MBA, Eugene Wang, MD</p>	<p>Lumbar / Sacral + Technical Optimization Amitabh Gulati, MD</p>	<p>10:00-10:10 AM <i>Welcome and Introduction</i> Zohra Hussaini, MSN, FNP-BC, MBA, Casey Grillo, FNP-C</p>
<p>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, Michael A. Fishman, MD, MBA, Marshall Bedder, MD</p>	<p>Station 10 Posterior Intra Articular Technique Douglas P. Beall, MD, Mansoor M. Aman, MD</p>		<p>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</p>



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11:00A-12:00P Closing Remarks, Neurotech Networking and Mingling		Station 11 Percutaneous image-guided Lumbar Decompression Matt Skoblar, DO, Sushanth Boda, DO	Ankle & Peripheral Nerve Applications Adnan Al-Kaisy, MB ChB,	11:00-11:30 AM <i>Artificial Intelligence in Pain Management: What APPs Need to Know</i> Usman Latif, MD, MBA
		Station 12 BVNA Jack Smith, MD		11:30 AM-12:00 PM <i>From Injections to Interventions: Navigating Minimally Invasive Spine Options in Clinical Practice</i> Timothy R. Deer, MD
12:00-1:00P	Glimmer 1-4 (4th Floor)	Lunch Sponsored by Diamond Sponsor SPR <i>Sponsored symposia will NOT be part of the CME program, nor eligible for CME credit</i>		



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<p>1:10 PM – Welcome: Changing the Paradigm of Pain Research</p> <p>Course Directors: Krishnan Chakravarthy, MD, PhD Co-Chairs: Hemant Kalia, MD, Kathleen W. Meacham, MD, PhD, Organizing Committee: Eugene Wang, MD, and Kai McGreevy, MD</p>	<p>Station 1 DRG Morad Nasser, MD, Warren Lee Grace III, MD, Jonathan E Silverman, MD</p>	<p>BMAC – Sudhir Diwan, MD mFAT – Timothy T. Davis, MD</p>	<p>1:00-1:20 PM</p> <p><i>Cracks in the Back: Vertebral Fractures: Recognition and Management</i></p> <p>Nomen Azeem, MD, Jill Study, NP</p>
<p>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></p> <p>Faculty: Allen Burton, MD, Kimberly Thomas-Pollei, PhD, Scott Kreiner, MD, Peter Staats, MD, MBA, Mary Keszler, MD, Nick Knezevic, MD, PhD</p>	<p>Station 2 Fluroscopy-guided High-intensity Focused Ultrasound (HIFU) Neurotomy Leonardo Kapural, MD, PhD, Mark F. Hurdle, MD</p>	<p>PRP/Protein Concentrate - Christopher Robinson, MD, PhD</p>	<p>1:20-1:40 PM</p> <p><i>Peripheral Nerve Stimulation Unplugged Panel</i></p> <p>Moderated by David Dickerson, MD Panelists: Knell Villarta, PA-C, Amy Yates, NP, Nicole A. Busch, MSN, APRN, AGCNS-BC</p>



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TED Style Presentations from Hot Basic Science Topics 1:45 PM CRISPR Ana Moreno, PhD 1:55 PM Optogenetics Samarendra Mohanty, PhD 2:05 PM Closed Loop DBS and our understanding of pain Prasad Shirvalkar, MD, PhD 2:15 PM New drug targets / HIFU Nandan Lad, MD, PhD 2:25 PM Q and A (All faculty) 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 PRP/Protein Concentrate - Christopher Robinson, MD, PhD	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		2:00-2:30 PM <i>Translating Policy & Evidence into best practice: an APPS role</i> Jacqueline Weisbein, DO
	Station 5 ASPAN CARES: Targeted Drug Delivery Tolga Suvar, MD, Matthew Chung, MD		2:30-2:40 PM Coffee Break



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<p>2:40-2:55 PM</p> <p>ASPN Ally Program: Advocacy and Coverage Determinants</p> <p>A premier partnership opportunity with the American Society of Pain & Neuroscience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocacy: The ASPN 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. ASPN Coverage Determinants, Appropriate Use Case. <p>Hemant Kalia, MD</p>	<p>Station 6 Intrathecal Programming and Pump Refill Edward Podgorski, MD, Timothy R. Lubenow, MD</p> <hr/> <p>Station 7 BVNA Greg Moore, MD, Gurtej Singh, MD</p>	<p>BMAC – Sudhir Diwan, MD</p> <p>mFAT – Timothy T. Davis, MD</p> <p>PRP/Protein Concentrate - Christopher Robinson, MD, PhD</p>	<p>2:40-3:30 PM</p> <p><i>So You Think You Know Neuromodulation? A Game Show for APPs</i></p> <p>Host: Kristen Durkin, AGNP-C</p>



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<p>2:55-3:10 PM Jigsaw/Knowledge Café: Collaboration in Industry – Society – Academia Partnerships Moderator: Harry P. Sukumaran, MD Panelists: Jay S. Grider, DO, PhD, MBA, Peter Staats, MD, MBA</p>	<p>Station 8 Closed Loop Spinal Cord Stimulation David Abejón, MD, PhD, Lucas Bracero, MD, MBA, Marcin Karcz, MD, PhD, G. Lawson Smith, MD</p>	<p>BMAC – Sudhir Diwan, MD</p>	
<p>3:10: Policy Roundtable: <i>Prior Authorization Reform—What’s Working, What Isn’t?</i></p> <p>CMS Final Rule for Medicare Advantage Plans for 2027, WiSER in 2026, ASC Model (Value Based Contracting) 2027</p> <p>Moderated by Mark N. Malinowski, DO, Hemant Kalia, MD, MPH Panelists: Jim Grant (BCBS Medical Director), Marc Duerden (CMS/NGS Medical Director)</p>	<p>Station 9 Micro IPG Peripheral Nerve Stimulation Omar Viswanath, MD, Eric Cornidez, MD, MBA</p>	<p>mFAT – Timothy T. Davis, MD</p> <p>PRP/Protein Concentrate - Christopher Robinson, MD, PhD</p>	<p>2:40-3:30 PM</p> <p><i>So You Think You Know Neuromodulation? A Game Show for APPs</i></p> <p>Host: Kristen Durkin, AGNP-C</p>



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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), Eric Beyer (EVP Privia Health)	Station 10 Posterior Intra Articular Technique Douglas P. Beall, MD, Mansoor M. Aman, MD	BMAC – Sudhir Diwan, MD mFAT – Timothy T. Davis, MD PRP/Protein Concentrate - Christopher Robinson, MD, PhD	3:30-4:00 PM Stopping the Pain at the Source: DRG and Causalgia Panel 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 Skobljar, DO, Sushanth Boda, DO		
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4:00-5:30P	Glimmer 1-4	Poster to Podium Program Presentations Meet & Greet <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	Erika A. Petersen, MD, Melissa Murphy, MD, Benjamin Gill, DO 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>	
6:00P	Mirabella	Regenerative Medicine Committee Dinner Sponsored by Mainstay Medical 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)	ESSENRICS – Sponsored by Silver Sponsor Mainstay Medical



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General Session: Room Name: Fontaine		
8:00-8:10A	Welcome to ASPAN 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 ASPAN 2026	David W. Lee, MD
Minimally Invasive Spine Session Moderated by Kasra Amirdelfan, MD, Adnan Al-Kaisy, MB ChB		
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8:15-8:25A	ASPAN Top Abstract	
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 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 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 and 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		
Session Moderated by Robert Moghim, MD, John V. Prunskis, MD		
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9:25-9:35A	ASPAN Top Abstract	
9:35-9:50A	Current Artificial Intelligence Platforms for Clinical Efficiency: Can AI Do It All?	Moderated by Usman Latif, MD, MBA and 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, and 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



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10:05-10:20A	Artificial Intelligence to Enhance Clinical Decision Making: The Tipping Point for Improved Care	Moderated by Krishnan Chakravarthy, MD, PhD, and 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 Product Theater – Sponsored by BoltNav <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>
General Session Room Name: Fontaine Ballroom Ablative Therapies Session Moderated by George E. Girardi, MD, Christopher K. Kim, MD		
Time	Topic	Speakers
10:45-10:55A	ASPAN Top Abstract	
10:55-11:10A	The Next Frontiers in Basivertebral Nerve Ablation	Moderated by Jad Khalil, MD, Ramana K. Naidu, MD Panelists: Morad Nasser, 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 Lam, MD, Douglas P. Beall, MD, Dan T. D. Nguyen, MD, Chau M. Vu, MD, Helen M. Blake, MD, MBA
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
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12:00-1:00P	Lunch Symposium Sponsored by Titanium Sponsor Vertex Pharmaceuticals 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>		
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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, and Dawood Sayed, MD Panelists: TBD
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, and Dawood Sayed, MD Panelists: TBD
1:50-2:20P	Sparkle Ballroom	Break with Exhibits and Abstract Poster Viewing Product Theater sponsored by Silver Sponsor Aurora Spine <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>
Latest Advancements in Spine Surgery Room Name: Fontaine Ballroom Session Moderated by Eric T. Lee, MD, Matthew T. Ranson, MD		
Time	Topic	Speakers
2:20-2:30P	ASPAN Top Abstract	
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



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2:45-3:00P	Endoscopic Spine Care: Where Evidence is Catching Up to Innovation	Moderated by Gurtej Singh, MD, Erika A Petersen, MD Panelists: Reginald Davis, MD, 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
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, Jonathan Hyde, 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, Reginald Davis, 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, FACS, Michael J. Dorsi, MD
Intrathecal Therapies and Cancer Pain Management		
Session Moderated by Louis J. Raso, MD		
4:00-4:10P	ASPAN Top Abstract	
4:10-4:20P	ASPAN Top Abstract	
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, Reda M. Tolba, MD, Justin Davanzo, MD, Michael S. Leong, MD, Arti Ori, MD



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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
4:50-5:00P	Change for Race and Transition to Ocean Lawn	
5:00P	Ocean Lawn	ASPAN 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 ASPAN AWARD PRESENTATIONS <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>
7:30P	TBD	PainTEQ Sponsored Dinner <i>Invitation Only</i>

Saturday, July 18, 2026	
Time (EDT)	Location



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6:30A	Registration Open in Luster Lobby	
6:30-7:15A	ESSETRICS – Sponsored by Silver Sponsor Mainstay Medical Room Name: Glimmer 5 Terrace (4 th Floor)	
7:00-7:45A	Breakfast Sponsored by Diamond Sponsored Basic Home Infusion 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 Session Moderated by Mazhar Rasul, MD, Paul Verrills, MD		
8:15-8:25A	ASPAN Top Abstract	
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, Louis J. Raso, MD, Adnan Al-Kaisy, MB ChB



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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 Product Theater – Sponsored by Tonix Medicines <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	



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ASPAN 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	From Pioneers to Progress: Advancing Pain & Spine Care Through Intelligence and Human Insight	Moderated by Timothy R. Deer, MD, Dawood Sayed, MD, Kasra Amirdelfan, MD Panelists: Elliot Krames, MD, Stephen Hochschuler, MD
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 Session Moderated by Anuj Shah, DO, Denise Lester, MD		
10:45-10:55A	ASPAN Top Abstract	
10:55-11:05A	ASPAN Top Abstract	
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
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



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<p>11:35-11:50A</p>	<p>The New Era of Electroceuticals: Emerging Non-invasive Modalities</p>	<p>Moderated by Eric G. Cornidez, MD, MBA Panelists: Leonardo Kapural, MD, PhD, Sean Li, MD, Anna Woodbury, MD, Anthony Giuffrida, MD, Jason Rosenberg, MD, Dawn A. Sparks, DO</p>
<p>11:50A-12:00P</p>	<p>Transition to Lunch</p>	
<p>12:00-1:00P</p>	<p>Lunch Symposium Sponsored by Platinum Sponsor Stryker Room Name: Glimmer 1-4 <i>Sponsored symposia will NOT be part of the CME program, nor eligible for CME credit</i></p>	
<p>12:00-1:00P</p>	<p>Lunch Symposium Sponsored by Platinum Sponsor Medtronic Room Name: Glimmer 5-7 <i>Sponsored symposia will NOT be part of the CME program, nor eligible for CME credit</i></p>	
<p>12:00-1:00P</p>	<p>Lunch Symposium Sponsored by Platinum Sponsor Saluda Medical Room Name: Flicker 1-3 <i>Sponsored symposia will NOT be part of the CME program, nor eligible for CME credit</i></p>	
<p>1:00-1:10P</p>	<p>Transition Back to Sessions</p>	
<p>General Session: Room Name: Fontaine Ballroom OrthoBiologics & Pharmacologics Session Moderated by Sudhir Diwan, MD, Alane B. Costanzo, MD</p>		<p>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</p>
<p>1:10-1:20P ASPAN Top Abstract</p>	<p>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, Kunal Parikh, MD, Jeffrey Peterson</p>	



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<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>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-Elsayed, MD, MPH, Latrice Akuamoah, MD</p>	
<p>1:50-2:05P Advances in Longevity and Regenerative Medicine Moderated by Paul Verrills, MD, Dawn A. Sparks, DO Panelists: Rick Paicius, MD, Sudhir Diwan, MD, Zeeshan Tayeb, MD, Rany T. Abdallah, MD, PhD, MBA, Nomen Azeem, MD, Rohit Aiyer, MD</p>	<p>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, Rudy Malayil, MD Panelists: Aaron K. Calodney, MD, Denis G. Patterson, DO, Benjamin Gill, DO, MBA, Jonathan Meltz</p>
<p>2:05-2:20P The Role of GLP-1 Receptor Agonists in Pain Management: Mechanisms, Clinical Evidence, and Future Directions Moderated by Alaa Abd-Elsayed, 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</p>	<p>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, Selaiman Noori, MD, Myrdalis Diaz-Ramirez, MD, Youssef Josephson, DO, Jack Diep, MD</p>



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<p>2:20-2:50P</p>	<p>Break with Exhibits and Abstract Poster Viewing Room Name: Sparkle Ballroom <i>*Not part of the CME program</i></p>	
<p>Alternative Pain Management Session Moderated by Keith Javery, DO</p>		<p>Business and Law in Medicine Breakout Session: Room Name: Fleur de Lis</p>
<p>2:50-3:00P ASPAN Top Abstract</p>	<p>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</p>	
<p>3:00-3:10P ASPAN Top Abstract</p>		
<p>3:10-3:25P The Role of Rehabilitation in Comprehensive Interventional Care Moderated by Denis G. Patterson, DO, Alexios Carayannopoulos, DO Panelists: Rudy Malayil, MD, Greg Moore, MD, Anuj Shah, DO, Vwaire Orhurhu, MD, Vinny Francio, MD, Alexa Moreira, MD</p>		<p>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</p>
<p>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, Reda M. Tolba, MD, Monika Y. Patel, MD, Aileen Padilla, DO, Ahmed Raslan, MD</p>		<p>3:30-3:50P How to Thrive in a Growing, Large Practice Environment Moderated by Sanjay Bakshi, MD, MBA, Neel Mehta, MD Panelists: Matt L. Leavitt, DO, Eric G. Cornidez, MD, MBA, Maged Guirguis, MD, Jeremy Joyal, MD, Mark Coleman, MD, Kunal Parikh, MD, John V. Prunskis, MD</p>
<p>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</p>		



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<p>3:55-4:10P More than Pain Relief: How Neuromodulation is Expanding Across Medicine Moderated by Ahmed Raslan, MD, Nasir Khatri, MD Panelists: Konstantin Slavin, MD, Octavia Kincaid, MD, Nick Knezevic, MD, PhD, Eric T. Lee, MD, Robert Levy, MD, PhD, Daniel Denis, MD</p>	<p>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: Matt L. Leavitt, DO, Kyle Brown, Ali Nairizi, MD, Yeshvant A. Navalgund, MD, Dan T. D. Nguyen, MD, Anil K. Sharma, MD</p>	
<p>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</p>	<p>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, Anil K. Sharma, MD, Jeremy Joyal, MD, Amol Soin, MD, Chad B. Stephens, DO</p>	
<p>4:25-4:40P From Published Guidelines to Bedside: Optimizing Patient Care Moderated by Jay S. Grider, DO, PhD, MBA, Yussr Ibrahim, MD Panelists: George E. Girardi, MD, Michael Gofeld, MD, PhD, George M. Galvan, MD, Michael A. Fishman, MD, MBA, Ajay Antony, MD, Jason E. Pope, MD</p>	<p>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</p>	
<p>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, David Dickerson, MD</p>	<p>4:45-5:00P 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, Jeffrey Peterson, Ali Nairizi, MD, Yeshvant A. Navalgund, MD</p>	
<p>4:55-5:00P Closing Remarks Krishnan Chakravarthy, MD, PhD</p>		
<p>5:00-6:00P</p>	<p>Reception Sponsored by Gold Sponsor Curonix Room Name: Glimmer 5-7 <i>*Not part of the CME program</i></p>	
<p>6:00-7:30P</p>	<p>ASPAN Charity Reception Sponsored by Silver Sponsor Aurora Room name: Glimmer 1-4 <i>*Not part of the CME program</i></p>	<p>Hosted by: Timothy R. Deer, MD, and Dawood Sayed, MD All Attendees Invited - \$50 Donation Recommended Attire:</p>



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Session Moderated by Melissa Murphy, MD		
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8:00A	Exhibitors Please Break Down Exhibits	
8:00-8:10A	Welcome Day 3:	Melissa Murphy, MD
8:10-8:25A	TBD - Breaking Research	
8:25-8:35A	ASPAN Top Abstract	
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
8:50-9:05A	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



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9:05-9:15A	ASPAN Top Abstract	
9:15-9:30A	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
9:30-9:40A	ASPAN Top Abstract	
9:40-9:55A	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		
Session Moderated by Vinny Francio, MD, and Anuj Shah, DO		
9:55-10:10A	ASPAN P2P Top Abstract	Melissa Murphy, MD and Benjamin Gill, DO
10:10-10:25A	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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<p>10:25-10:40A</p>	<p>Match or Miss: How to Stand Out in the Pain Fellowship Arms Race</p>	<p>Moderated by Dawn Sparks, DO Panelists: Vinny Francio, MD, Benjamin Gill, DO, Anthony Giuffrida, MD, Myrdalis Diaz-Ramirez, MD, Alexa Moreira, MD</p>
<p>10:40-10:55A</p>	<p>Academic, Hospital or Private Practice: Where will you actually thrive?</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>10:55-11:00A</p>	<p>Closing Remarks</p>	<p>Melissa Murphy, MD</p>