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**Interventional Pain Management 2026**  
 October 15-17, 2026 JW Clearwater, Clearwater Beach, FL  
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### Thursday, October 15, 2026

Time	Location	Topic	
2:00 - 6:00 PM	Pallavi Foyer	Exhibitors are welcome to set up	
3:00 - 6:00 PM	Executive Boardroom	<b>FSIPP Board of Directors Board Meeting</b> <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit</i>	By Invitation Only
	Off-site	<b>Board Directors Dinner</b> <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit</i>	By Invitation Only

### Friday, October 16, 2026

Time	Location	Topic	Faculty
7:00 AM	Kiran Foyer	Registration Opens	
7:00-7:55 AM	Pallavi Ballroom	<b>Breakfast Symposium. Sponsorship Available.</b> <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit</i>	

#### General Session

**Topic: Protecting your Income and your Practice: Staying Afloat at Sea**

**Room Name: Kiran Grand Ballroom**

**Moderator: Maulik K. Bhalani, MD and Vania Fernandez, MD**

8:00-8:10 AM	Welcome	Presented by: Maulik K. Bhalani, MD
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8:10-8:40 AM	National Audits: Kyphoplasty (other SMRC), Targeted Probe and Educate Audits (TPE), RAC audits, UPIC, ADR, OIG	
8:40-9:10 AM	Reimagining Denials	
9:10-9:30 AM	Revenue Cycle Management (RCM). Using Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	
9:30-10:00 AM	CMS Compliance and the Focus on LBP	
10:00-10:10 AM	Q&A	
10:10-10:40 AM	<b>Pallavi Foyer</b>	<b>Break with Exhibits and Poster Viewing. Sponsorship Available.</b> <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit</i>
<b>General Session</b>		
<b>Topic: AI Solutions for Successful Implementation</b>		
<b>Room Name: Kiran Grand Ballroom</b>		
<b>Moderator: Deborah Tracy, MD, MBA</b>		
10:40-11:00 AM	<b>OPEN - TBD</b>	
11:00-11:40 AM	AI Solutions for Successful Implementation <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit</i>	
		Presented by: Krishna Gorrepati, CEO, Chief Technology Officer, Quadrant Health



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11:40-12:00 PM	Implementing AI into Practice <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit</i>		Presented by: Deborah Tracy, MD, MBA
12:00-1:00 PM	<b>Pallavi Ballroom</b>	Lunch Symposium. Sponsorship Available <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit</i>	
1:00-1:45 PM	<b>Kiran Grand Ballroom</b>	Keynote Speaker Presentation by: Scott Becker Key Health Care Trends and Issues	
<b>General Session</b> <b>Topic: Rough Seas - Make Sure You Can Survive the Big Waves</b> <b>Room Name: Kiran Grand Ballroom</b> Moderator: Harold Cordner, MD		<b>APP Breakout Course</b> <b>Room Name: Coral</b> Moderators: Michael F. Esposito, MD, and Marie Zambelli, MSN, APRN, FNP-C	
1:45-2:00 PM	Topic: Florida Legislative Update Presented by: Jon Johnson		1:45-2:00 PM Topic: From Columns to Clarity: Targeting Anterior, Middle & Posterior Lumbar Pain — Case-Based Insights Presented by: Kristen Durkin, NP
2:00-2:15 PM	Topic: The Future of Medicine and Medicare Presented by: Rick Scott or Robert Aderholt		2:00-2:20 PM Topic: Decoding Discogenic Pain: Modern Therapies & Real-World Cases Presented by: Marie Zambelli, NP
2:15-2:30 PM	Topic: Battles to Protect Your Practice at the Legislative Level Moderator: Vania Fernandez, MD		2:20-2:40 PM Topic: Remote Neuromodulation 101: Practical Strategies Presented by: Patrick McGinn, PA



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2:30-2:45 PM Topic: The Future of Medicine and Medicare Presented by: Rick Scott or Robert Alderholt		2:40-3:00 PM Topic: Synergy in Care: Maximizing Outcomes with Physical Medicine plus Interventional Procedures Presented by: Stacie Seeram, PA	
2:45-3:15 PM	<b>Pallavi Foyer</b>	<b>Break with Exhibits and Poster Viewing. Sponsorship Available.</b> <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit</i>	
<b>General Session</b> <b>Topic: Deep Into the Clinical Sea</b> <b>Room Name: Kiran Grand Ballroom</b> Moderator:			
3:15-3:30 PM	Antithrombotics in IPM	Presented by: Mahendra Sanapati, MD	
3:30-3:45 PM	Is Placebo the Most Powerful Analgesic We Prescribe? Neurobiology, Evidence, and Clinical Implications	Presented by: Nick Knezevic, MD	
3:45-4:00 PM	Cervicogenic Headache: Interventional Perspectives	Presented by: Sean Li, MD	
4:00-4:15 PM	Hard to Treat Diagnoses: Pelvic Pain and Facial Pain	Presented by: Corey Hunter, MD	
4:15-4:30 PM	Cancer Pain	Amitbah Gulati, MD	



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**FUNdraiser Event**

**Beach Chic White Shirt, No Shoes**

**“Keeping our Feet in the Sand and Enjoying the Waves”**

**Everyone is Welcome!!! - Drinks, Appetizers and Fun Entertainment for ALL - Sponsors, Spouses, Attendees, Guests and Families ALL WELCOME**

**4:30-6:30pm**

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7:00 AM	Kiran Foyer	Registration Opens
7:00-7:55 AM	Pallavi Ballroom	Breakfast Symposium. Sponsorship Available <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit</i>
<b>General Session</b> <b>Topic: High Seas: Rising Above the Surface of Normal Injections</b> <b>Room Name: Kiran Grand Ballroom</b> Moderator:		<b>APP Breakout Course</b> <b>Room Name:</b> Moderators: Michael F. Esposito, MD, Wayne Nguyen, MD, and Marie Zambelli, MSN, APRN, FNP-C
8:00-8:15 AM	Topic: Epidural Adhesiolysis Presented by: Miles Day, MD	8:00-8:20 AM Topic: MRI Masterclass: Reading Scans Like a Specialist — Cases, Pitfalls & Red Flags



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	Presented by: Dr. Michael Esposito
8:15-8:30 AM Topic: Transcutaneous Pulsed Magnetic Therapy Approaches vs Revenue Cycle Management Presented by: Harold Cordner, MD	8:20-8:40 AM Topic: The Complex Lumbar Patient: Diagnostic Strategies and Treatment Pathways — Case Workshop Presented by: Dr. Sean Li
8:30-8:45 AM Topic: Updates in Regenerative Medicine Including Stem Cells and Exosomes Presented by: Kenneth Candido, MD	8:40-9:00 AM Topic: Minimally Invasive Spine Solutions: Managing Dynamic Instability with Case Examples Presented by: Julio Paez, MD and Jonathan Daitch, MD
8:45-9:00 AM Topic: Autologous stem cell injections for DJD Presented by: James Ghattas, DO	
<b>General Session</b> <b>Topic: Advanced Procedures: SEAIing Inside the Spine</b> <b>Room Name: Kiran Grand Ballroom</b> Moderator:	<b>APP Breakout Course</b> <b>Room Name:</b> Moderators: Michael F. Esposito, MD, Wayne Nguyen, MD, and Marie Zambelli, MSN, APRN, FNP-C
9:00-9:15 AM Topic: Intrathecal Therapy for Pain and Spasticity Presented by: Michael Creamer, DO	9:00-10:10 AM Topic: Physical Exam Red Flags: Spot the Signs Before It's Too Late Presented by: Dr. Ali Valimohamed or Dr. Larry Dalton
9:15-9:30 AM Topic: Neuromodulation and the Bioelectric Revolution Presented by: Peter Staats, MD, MBA	



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<p>9:30-9:45 AM          Topic: Identification of the SCS Patient          Presented by: Timothy Deer, MD</p>	<p>10:10-10:30 AM          Discussion and Q&amp;A</p>
<p>9:45-10:00 AM          BVN Ablation in a Center of Excellence          Presented by: Brian Goldberg, MD</p>	
<p>10:00-10:15 AM          Emerging Intradiscal Treatments          Presented by: Robert Ball, DO, MS</p>	
<p>10:15-10:30 AM          Endoscopic Spine Surgery as an IPM Physician          Presented by: Sanjeev Kumar, MD</p>	

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10:30-11:00 AM	Pallavi Foyer	<b>Morning Break with Exhibits and Poster Viewing. Sponsorship Available.</b> <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit</i>

<p><b>General Session</b>  <b>Topic: Advanced Procedures:</b>  <b>SEAing Outside the Spine</b>  <b>Room Name: Kiran Grand Ballroom</b>          Moderator:</p>	<p><b>APP Breakout Course</b>  <b>Room Name:</b>          Moderators: Michael F. Esposito, MD, Wayne Nguyen, MD,          and Marie Zambelli, MSN, APRN, FNP-C</p>
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<p>10:50-11:05 AM          Topic: Multifidus Stimulation - Start NOW          Presented by:</p>			<p>10:50-11:10 AM          Topic: Restorative Stimulation in Practice: Case-Based Success Stories          Presented by: Dr. Li</p>		
<p>11:05-11:20 AM          Topic: Peripheral Nerve Stimulation (Easy Wins)          Presented by: Ali Valimahomed, MD</p>			<p>11:10-11:30 AM          Topic: Medical Necessity Made Defensible: Documentation Workshop with Case Review          Presented by: Dr. Tracy, Dr. Bhalani, or Dr. Cordner</p>		
<p>11:20-11:35 PM          Topic: Perfecting the PNS Implant          Presented by: Alaa Abd-Elsayed, MD, MPH, FASA</p>			<p>11:30 -12:00 PM          Topic: SCS, DRG, PNS...Right Therapy for the Right Patient          Presented by: Dr. Tim Deer</p>		
<p>11:35-11:50 AM          Topic: MIS - SIJ Fusion, Interlaminar fusion , Facet Fusions          Presented by: Pankaj Mehta, MD</p>					
<p>11:50-12:05 PM          Topic: DRG for Multiple Clinical Conditions          Presented by: Kiran V. Patel, MD</p>					
<p>12:05-1:05 PM</p>		<p><b>Pallavi Ballroom</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch Symposium. Sponsorship Available.</b>  <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit</i></p>		
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1:05-1:20 PM Topic: Presented by: Douglas P. Beall, MD	1:00-1:20 PM Topic: Navigating Opioid Alternatives: Buprenorphine & Methadone in Pain Care Presented by: Hannah Sisti, PA	
1:20-1:35 PM Topic: Presented by: Erika Petersen, MD, FAANS	1:20 -2:00 PM Topic: Beyond Opioids: Adjuvant Medication Strategies for Complex Pain Presented by: Ashley Comer PA	
1:35-1:50 PM Topic: Presented by: Dawood Sayed, MD	2:00-2:20 PM Topic: Facial Pain Management: Tailored Approaches and Case Studies Presented by: Robert Ball, DO	
1:50-2:05 PM Topic: Presented by: David Reece, DO, FAAPM&R, FAANEM MAJ(P), MC, USA	2:00-2:20 PM Topic: Interventional Pain Jeopardy: Test Your Clinical Knowledge Part 1 Presented by: Dr. Michael Esposito and Marie Zambelli, MSN, APRN, FNP-C	
2:05-2:20 PM Topic: Presented by: Jason Pope, MD		
2:20-2:50 PM	Pallavi Foyer	<b>Afternoon Break with Exhibits and Poster Viewing. Sponsorship Available.</b> <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit</i>



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**Topic: Business Considerations in Pain Management: BIG Waves in the SEA. Staying, Changing, Buying or Selling**  
**Room Name: Kiran Grand Ballroom**  
 Moderator:

<p>2:50-3:05 PM          Topic: Optimization of Clinical and Operational Issues in Interventional Pain Practices          Presented by: John V. Prunskis, MD, FIPP</p>	<p>2:20-2:40 PM          Topic: Interventional Pain Jeopardy: Test Your Clinical Knowledge Part 2          Presented by: Dr. Michael Esposito and Marie Zambelli, MSN, APRN, FNP-C</p>
<p>3:05-3:20 PM          Topic: The Business Side of Healthcare: Marketing: Mergers and Acquisitions; Private Equity and Roll-Ups; Billing; Surgery Center Development and Real Estate          Presented by: Paul Lynch, MD</p>	<p>2:40-3:00 PM          Ask the Experts Panel Q&amp;A: Get Answers to your burning questions          Presented by: Need 3-4 faculty</p>
<p>3:25-3:40 PM          Topic: Should Pain Consolidate?          Presented by: Mark Wade</p>	
<p>3:40-3:55 PM          Topic: Starting or resurrecting your ASC          Presented by: Scott Nations</p>	
<p>3:55-4:10 PM          Topic: Marketing Your Practice          Presented by: Maulik Bhalani, MD</p>	



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4:10-4:40 PM	Topic: The Intersection of Pain, Mental Health and Addiction—What I refer to as “Tri-Diagnosis” Presented by: Paul Lynch, MD
4:40 - 5:00 PM	<b>A Champagne Toast to Celebrate our Journey</b> <b>Presented by: Vania E. Fernandez, MD, Jon Johnson, and Marnie George</b> <b>Sponsorship available</b> <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit</i>

**Conclusion of the day**

**\*\* Exhibits are welcome to break down after the Afternoon Break concludes**

**Sunday, October 18, 2026**

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7:30 AM	Kiran Foyer	Registration Opens
7:30 - 8:30 AM	Kiran Foyer	<b>Continental Breakfast</b> <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit</i>

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Moderator: Wayne Nguyen, MD  
**Location**

8:30 -9:00AM	Top 3 Abstracts Awards and Presentation - 10 minutes each Moderated by <b>Title</b> Presented by: <b>Title</b> Presented by: <b>Title</b> Presented by:
9:00-9:20 AM	Topic: Presented by:
9:20-9:40 AM	Topic: Presented by:
9:40-10:00 AM	Topic: Presented by:
10:00 AM	
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<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Conclusion of Day</b>