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Interventional Pain Management 2026
 October 15-17, 2026 JW Clearwater, Clearwater Beach, FL
 Course Directors: Maulik K. Bhalani, MD and Vania E. Fernandez, MD

Thursday, October 15, 2026			
Time	Location	Topic	Faculty
2:00 - 6:00 PM	Kiran C	Exhibitors are welcome to set up	
3:00 - 6:00 PM	Executive Boardroom	FSIPP Board of Directors Board Meeting <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit</i>	By Invitation Only
	Off-site	Board Directors Dinner Sponsorship Available <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	Breakfast Symposium. Sponsorship Available. <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit</i>	



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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

Time	Topic	Faculty
8:00-8:10 AM	Welcome	Presented by: Maulik K. Bhalani, MD
8:10-8:40 AM	National Audits: Kyphoplasty (other SMRC), Targeted Probe and Educate Audits (TPE), RAC audits, UPIC, ADR, OIG	Presented by: Deborah Tracy, MD, MBA
8:40-9:10 AM	Reimagining Denials	Presented by: Cheryl Taylor, MD
9:10-9:30 AM	Revenue Cycle Management (RCM). Using Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	Presented by: Harold Cordner, MD
9:30-10:00 AM	CMS Compliance and the Focus on LBP	Presented by: TBD
10:00-10:10 AM	Q&A	Maulik Bhalani, MD, Deborah Tracy, MD, MBA, Cheryl Taylor, MD, Harold Cordner, MD and TBD

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Topic: AI Solutions for Successful Implementation

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10:10-10:30 AM	Legal Liability when Using AI Scribes	Presented by: Harold Cordner, MD
10:30-11:00 AM	Kiran C	Break with Exhibits and Poster Viewing. Sponsorship Available. <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit</i>
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, CTO at Quadrant Health
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	Pallavi Ballroom	Lunch Symposium. Sponsorship Available <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit</i>
Keynote Speaker Presentation Room Name: Kiran Grand Ballroom Moderator: Maulik K. Bhalani, MD and Vania Fernandez, MD		
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1:00-1:45 PM	Key Health Care Trends and Issues	Presentation by: Scott Becker



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General Session Topic: Rough Seas - Make Sure You Can Survive the Big Waves Room Name: Kiran Grand Ballroom Moderator: Harold Cordner, MD	APP Breakout Course Room Name: Coral 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, RN, AGNP-C
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, MSN, APRN, FNP-C
2:15-2:30 PM Topic: Battles to Protect Your Practice at the Legislative Level Presented by: Vania Fernandez, MD	2:20-2:40 PM Topic: Remote Neuromodulation 101: Practical Strategies Presented by: Evan Jay, PA
2:30-2:45 PM Topic: Denials and Prior Authorizations for Medicare and Medicare Advantage Plans Presented by: Harold Cordner, MD	2:40-3:00 PM Topic: Synergy in Care: Maximizing Outcomes with Physical Medicine plus Interventional Procedures Presented by: Stacie Seeram, PA-C
2:45-3:00 PM Topic: Q&A Moderated by: Harold Cordner, MD Presented by: Rick Scott, Robert Aderholt, Vania Fernandez, MD	



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3:30-3:45 PM	Antithrombotics in IPM	Presented by: Mahendra Sanapati, MD
3:45-4:05 PM	Is Placebo the Most Powerful Analgesic We Prescribe? Neurobiology, Evidence, and Clinical Implications	Presented by: Nick Knezevic, MD
4:05-4:20 PM	Hard to Treat Diagnoses: Pelvic Pain and Facial Pain	Presented by: Corey Hunter, MD, FIPP
4:20-4:40 PM	Cancer Pain	Amitabh Gulati, MD
4:40-4:55 PM	Optimization of Clinical and Operational Issues in Interventional Pain Practices	John V. Prunskis, MD, FIPP
4:55-5:15 PM	Should Pain Consolidate?	Mark Wade
5:15-5:30 PM	Marketing Your Practice	Maulik Bhalani, MD



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5:30 - 6:00 PM	A Champagne Toast to Celebrate our Journey Presented by: Vania E. Fernandez, MD, Jon Johnson, and Marnie George Sponsorship available <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit</i>
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Saturday, October 17, 2026

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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>
General Session Topic: High Seas: Rising Above the Surface of Normal Injections Room Name: Kiran Grand Ballroom Moderator:		APP Breakout Course Room Name: Coral 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 Presented by: Michael Esposito, MD



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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: Sean Li, MD
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 C. Paez, MD and Jonathan Daitch, MD
8:45-9:00 AM Topic: Autologous stem cell injections for DJD Presented by: James Ghattas, DO	
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: Ali Valimahomed, MD, FAAPMR and Harold Dalton, DO
9:15-9:30 AM Topic: Neuromodulation and the Bioelectric Revolution Presented by: Peter Staats, MD, MBA	



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9:30-9:45 AM Topic: Identification of the SCS Patient Presented by: TBD	10:10-10:30 AM Discussion and Q&A	
9:45-10:00 AM BVN Ablation in a Center of Excellence Presented by: Brian Goldberg, MD		
10:00-10:15 AM Emerging Intradiscal Treatments Presented by: Robert Ball, DO, MS		
10:15-10:30 AM Endoscopic Spine Surgery as an IPM Physician Presented by: Sanjeev Kumar, MD		
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10:30-11:00 AM	Kiran C	Morning Break with Exhibits and Poster Viewing. Sponsorship Available. <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit</i>



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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: Sean Li, MD</p>
<p>11:05-11:20 AM Topic: Peripheral Nerve Stimulation (Easy Wins) Presented by: Ali Valimahomed, MD, FAAPMR</p>	<p>11:10-11:30 AM Topic: Medical Necessity Made Defensible: Documentation Workshop with Case Review Presented by: TBD</p>
<p>11:20-11:35 PM Topic: Perfecting the PNS Implant Presented by: Alaa Abd-Elsayed, MD, MPH, FASA</p>	<p>11:30 -11:50 PM Topic: SCS, DRG, PNS...Right Therapy for the Right Patient Presented by: Noman Azeem, MD</p>
<p>11:35-11:50 AM Topic: Cervicogenic Headache: Interventional Perspectives Presented by: Sean Li, MD</p>	
<p>11:50-12:05 PM Topic: DRG for Multiple Clinical Conditions Presented by: Kiran V. Patel, MD</p>	<p>11:50-12:05 PM Q & A</p>



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12:05-1:30 PM	Pallavi Ballroom	Lunch Symposium. Sponsorship Available. <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit</i>
General Session Topic: Advanced Surgical Procedures Room Name: Kiran Grand Ballroom Moderator: Sunil Panchal, MD		APP Breakout Course Room Name: Coral Moderators: Michael F. Esposito, MD, Wayne Nguyen, MD, and Marie Zambelli, MSN, APRN, FNP-C
1:30-1:45 PM		1:30-1:50 PM
Topic: MRI Confirmed Anatomic Outcomes for MILD/PILD for Decompression of Spinal Stenosis		Topic: Navigating Opioid Alternatives: Buprenorphine & Methadone in Pain Care
Presented by: Kingsley Chin, MD		Presented by: Patrick McGinn, PA
1:45-2:00 PM		1:50 -2:10 PM
Topic: Update on Interspinous Spacers and Interspinous Fusion		Topic: Beyond Opioids: Adjuvant Medication Strategies for Complex Pain
Presented by: Louis Raso, MD		Presented by: Evan Jay, PA
2:00-2:15 PM		2:10-2:30 PM
Topic: Transfacet and Intrafacet Implants		Topic: Facial Pain Management: Tailored Approaches and Case Studies
Presented by: Jonathan Daitch, MD		Presented by: Robert Ball, DO, MS
2:15-2:30 PM		2:30-2:50 PM
Topic: Update on Sacroiliac Joint Surgery		Topic: Interventional Pain Jeopardy: Test Your Clinical Knowledge Part 1
Presented by: Sunil Panchal, MD		Presented by: Michael F. Esposito, MD and Marie Zambelli, MSN, APRN, FNP-C



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2:30-2:50 PM		
Topic: Q&A Panel Session		
Moderated by: Sunil Panchal, MD		
Presented by: Kingsley Chin, MD, Louis Raso, MD, Jonathan Daitch, MD		
2:50-3:20 PM	Kiran C	Afternoon Break with Exhibits and Poster Viewing. Sponsorship Available. <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit</i>
General Session Topic: Business Considerations in Pain Management: BIG Waves in the SEA. Staying, Changing, Buying or Selling Room Name: Kiran Grand Ballroom Moderator:		APP Breakout Course Room Name: Coral Moderators: Michael F. Esposito, MD, Wayne Nguyen, MD, and Marie Zambelli, MSN, APRN, FNP-C
3:20-3:40 PM		3:20-3:40 PM Topic: Interventional Pain Jeopardy: Test Your Clinical Knowledge Part 2 Presented by: Michael F. Esposito, MD and Marie Zambelli, MSN, APRN, FNP-C
3:40-4:00 PM		3:40-4:00 PM Ask the Experts Panel Q&A: Get Answers to Your Burning Questions Presented by:
General Session Room Name: Kiran Grand Ballroom Moderator:		



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4:00-4:30 PM

Topic: The Intersection of Pain, Mental Health and Addiction—What I Refer to as “Tri-Diagnosis”
 Presented by: Paul Lynch, MD

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

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

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Moderator: Wayne Nguyen, MD



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8:30-9:00 AM	The Business Side of Healthcare Marketing, Mergers and Acquisitions; Private Equity and Roll-Ups; Billing; Surgery Center Development and Real Estate	Paul Lynch, MD
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8:30 -9:00 AM	Top 3 Abstracts Awards and Presentation - 10 minutes each Moderated by Title Presented by: Title Presented by: Title Presented by:	
9:00-9:30 AM	Topic: AI and Practice Management Pearls: Implementation of RTM	Ryan Budwany, MD, MBA, MPH
9:30-9:50 AM	Topic: Cybersecurity and data privacy concerns around neural devices	Erika A. Petersen, MD, FAANS
9:50-10:10 AM	Topic:	David E. Reece, DO, FAAPM&R, FAANEM, MAJ(P), MC, USA
10:10-10:30 AM	Topic: Treating the Difficult Patient	Jonathan Daitch, MD
10:30-10:50 AM	Topic: Interventional Treatment - Starting with the End Goal In	Jonathan Daitch, MD



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