



The Florida Society of Interventional Pain Physicians presents:
Interventional Pain Management 2026
 October 15-18, 2026 JW Marriott 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> | |



The Florida Society of Interventional Pain Physicians presents:
Interventional Pain Management 2026
 October 15-18, 2026 JW Marriott Clearwater, Clearwater Beach, FL
 Course Directors: Maulik K. Bhalani, MD and Vania E. Fernandez, MD

Friday, October 16, 2026

General Session

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

Room Name: Kiran Grand Ballroom

Moderator: Deborah H. Tracy MD, MBA

| Time | Topic | Faculty |
|----------------|--|--|
| 8:00-8:10 AM | Welcome and Introduction | Maulik K. Bhalani, MD, FSIPP President |
| 8:10-8:40 AM | Reimagining Denials | Presented by: Cheryl Taylor, MD |
| 8:40-9:10 AM | Revenue Cycle Management (RCM). Using Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) | Presented by: Lindsey Wisniewski, COO |
| 9:10-9:30 AM | National Audits: Kyphoplasty (other SMRC), Targeted Probe and Educate Audits (TPE), RAC audits, UPIC, ADR, OIG | Presented by: Deborah Tracy, MD, MBA |
| 9:30-10:00 AM | First Coast Service Options, Medicare Administrative Contractor Update | Presented by: Peter Goldzweig, MD, CMD, FCSO |
| 10:00-10:10 AM | Q&A | Moderated by: Maulik K. Bhalani, MD and Vania Fernandez, MD Panelists: Deborah Tracy, MD, MBA, Cheryl Taylor, MD, Lindsey Wisniewski, COO, Harold Cordner, MD and Peter Goldzweig, MD, CMD, FCSO |



The Florida Society of Interventional Pain Physicians presents:
Interventional Pain Management 2026
 October 15-18, 2026 JW Marriott Clearwater, Clearwater Beach, FL
 Course Directors: Maulik K. Bhalani, MD and Vania E. Fernandez, MD

Friday, October 16, 2026

General Session

Topic: AI Solutions for Successful Implementation

Room Name: Kiran Grand Ballroom

Moderator: Deborah Tracy, MD, MBA

| Time | Topic | | Faculty |
|---|--|---|--|
| 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 | | | |
| Time | Topic | | Faculty |
| 1:00-1:45 PM | Key Health Care Trends and Issues | | Presentation by: Scott Becker |



The Florida Society of Interventional Pain Physicians presents:
Interventional Pain Management 2026
 October 15-18, 2026 JW Marriott Clearwater, Clearwater Beach, FL
 Course Directors: Maulik K. Bhalani, MD and Vania E. Fernandez, MD

| Friday, October 16, 2026 | | |
|---|---|--|
| General Session | | APP Breakout Course |
| Topic: Rough Seas - Make Sure You Can Survive the Big Waves Room Name: Kiran Grand Ballroom Moderator: Harold Cordner, MD | | Room Name: Coral Moderators: Michael F. Esposito, MD, and Marie Zambelli, MSN, APRN, FNP-C |
| 1:45-2:00 PM | Topic: Florida Legislative Update | 1:45-2:00 PM |
| Presented by: Jon Johnson | | Topic: From Columns to Clarity: Targeting Anterior, Middle & Posterior Lumbar Pain — Case-Based Insights |
| | | Presented by: Kristen Durkin, RN, AGNP-C |
| 2:00-2:20 PM | Topic: Battles to Protect Your Practice at the Legislative Level | 2:00-2:20 PM |
| Presented by: Vania Fernandez, MD | | Topic: Decoding Discogenic Pain: Modern Therapies & Real-World Cases |
| | | Presented by: Marie Zambelli, MSN, APRN, FNP-C |
| 2:20-2:40 PM | Topic: Denials and Prior Authorizations for Medicare and Medicare Advantage Plans | 2:20-2:40 PM |
| Presented by: Harold Cordner, MD | | Topic: Remote Neuromodulation 101: Practical Strategies |
| | | Presented by: Evan Jay, PA |
| 2:40-3:00 PM | Topic: Q&A | 2:40-3:00 PM |
| Moderated by: Harold Cordner, MD | | Topic: Synergy in Care: Maximizing Outcomes with Physical Medicine plus Interventional Procedures |
| Presented by: Jon Johnson and Vania Fernandez, MD | | Presented by: Stacie Seeram, PA-C |
| 3:00-3:30 PM | Kiran C | Break with Exhibits and Poster Viewing. Sponsorship Available. |
| | | <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit</i> |



The Florida Society of Interventional Pain Physicians presents:
Interventional Pain Management 2026
 October 15-18, 2026 JW Marriott Clearwater, Clearwater Beach, FL
 Course Directors: Maulik K. Bhalani, MD and Vania E. Fernandez, MD

Friday, October 16, 2026

General Session

Topic: Deep Into the Clinical Sea
Room Name: Kiran Grand Ballroom
 Moderator: Harold Dalton, DO

| Time | Topic | Faculty |
|----------------|--|--|
| 3:30-3:50 PM | Anti-thrombotics in IPM | Presented by: Mahendra Sanapati, MD |
| 3:50-4:10 PM | Is Placebo the Most Powerful Analgesic We Prescribe? Neurobiology, Evidence, and Clinical Implications | Presented by: Nick Knezevic, MD |
| 4:10-4:30 PM | Cancer Pain | Presented by: Amitabh Gulati, MD |
| 4:30-4:50 PM | Optimization of Clinical and Operational Issues in Interventional Pain Practices | Presented by: John V. Prunskis, MD, FIPP |
| 4:50-5:10 PM | Should Pain Consolidate? | Presented by: Mark Wade |
| 5:10 - 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> | |

Conclusion of the day



The Florida Society of Interventional Pain Physicians presents:
Interventional Pain Management 2026
 October 15-18, 2026 JW Marriott Clearwater, Clearwater Beach, FL
 Course Directors: Maulik K. Bhalani, MD and Vania E. Fernandez, MD

Saturday, October 17, 2026

| Time | Location | Topic |
|---|--|--|
| 7:00 AM | Kiran Foyer | Registration Opens |
| 7:00-7:55 AM | Pallavi Ballroom | Breakfast Symposium hosted by Pentec Health <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 |
| General Session Topic: Advanced Procedures: SEAing Inside the Spine Room Name: Kiran Grand Ballroom Moderator: Wayne Nguyen, MD | | APP Breakout Course Room Name: Coral Moderators: Michael F. Esposito, MD and Marie Zambelli, MSN, APRN, FNP-C |
| 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 |



The Florida Society of Interventional Pain Physicians presents:
Interventional Pain Management 2026
 October 15-18, 2026 JW Marriott Clearwater, Clearwater Beach, FL
 Course Directors: Maulik K. Bhalani, MD and Vania E. Fernandez, MD

Saturday, October 17, 2026

| | |
|---|--|
| <p>8:30-8:45 AM Topic: Updates in Regenerative Medicine Including Stem Cells and Exosomes Presented by: Kenneth Candido, MD</p> | <p>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</p> |
| <p>8:45-9:00 AM Topic: Autologous stem cell injections for DJD Presented by: James Ghattas, DO</p> | <p>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</p> |
| <p>9:00-9:15 AM Topic: Intrathecal Therapy for Pain and Spasticity Presented by: Michael Creamer, DO</p> | <p>APP Breakout Course Room Name: Coral Moderators: Michael F. Esposito, MD, and Marie Zambelli, MSN, APRN, FNP-C</p> |
| <p>9:15-9:30 AM Topic: Neuromodulation and the Bioelectric Revolution Presented by: TBD</p> | <p>10:10-10:30 AM Discussion and Q&A</p> |
| <p>General Session Topic: Advanced Procedures: SEAing Outside the Spine Room Name: Kiran Grand Ballroom Moderator: Wayne Nguyen, MD</p> | |
| <p>9:30-9:45 AM Topic: Identification of the SCS Patient Presented by: Miguel de la Garza, MD</p> | |



The Florida Society of Interventional Pain Physicians presents:
Interventional Pain Management 2026
 October 15-18, 2026 JW Marriott Clearwater, Clearwater Beach, FL
 Course Directors: Maulik K. Bhalani, MD and Vania E. Fernandez, MD

Saturday, October 17, 2026

| 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 | | |
| Time | Location | Topic |
| 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> |
| General Session Topic: Advanced Procedures: SEAing Outside the Spine Room Name: Kiran Grand Ballroom Moderator: Louis Raso, MD | | APP Breakout Course Room Name: Coral Moderators: Michael F. Esposito, MD, and Marie Zambelli, MSN, APRN, FNP-C |
| 11:00-11:15 AM Topic: Multifidus Stimulation - Start NOW Presented by: Vijay Babu, MD | | 11:00-11:20 AM Topic: Restorative Stimulation in Practice: Case-Based Success Stories Presented by: Sean Li, MD |



The Florida Society of Interventional Pain Physicians presents:
Interventional Pain Management 2026
 October 15-18, 2026 JW Marriott Clearwater, Clearwater Beach, FL
 Course Directors: Maulik K. Bhalani, MD and Vania E. Fernandez, MD

Saturday, October 17, 2026

| | |
|--|---|
| 11:15-11:30 AM Topic: Peripheral Nerve Stimulation (Easy Wins) Presented by: Ali Valimahomed, MD, FAAPMR | 11:20-11:40 AM Topic: Medical Necessity Made Defensible: Documentation Workshop with Case Review Presented by: Kristen Durkin, RN, AGNP-C |
| 11:30-11:45 AM Topic: Perfecting the PNS Implant Presented by: Alaa Abd-Elseyed, MD, MPH, FASA | 11:40 -12:00 PM Topic: SCS, DRG, PNS...Right Therapy for the Right Patient Presented by: Noman Azeem, MD |
| 11:45-12:00 PM Topic: Cervicogenic Headache: Interventional Perspectives Presented by: Sean Li, MD | |
| 12:00-12:15 PM Topic: DRG for Multiple Clinical Conditions Presented by: TBD | 12:00-12:15 PM Q & A |

| Time | Location | Topic |
|---------------|------------------|---|
| 12:15-1:40 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 |
|--|---|



The Florida Society of Interventional Pain Physicians presents:
Interventional Pain Management 2026
 October 15-18, 2026 JW Marriott Clearwater, Clearwater Beach, FL
 Course Directors: Maulik K. Bhalani, MD and Vania E. Fernandez, MD

Saturday, October 17, 2026

| Saturday, October 17, 2026 | | |
|--|--|---|
| 1:40-2:00 PM Topic: Update on Interspinous Spacers and Interspinous Fusion Presented by: Louis Raso, MD | 1:40-2:00 PM Topic: Navigating Opioid Alternatives: Buprenorphine & Methadone in Pain Care Presented by: Patrick McGinn, PA | |
| | 2:00 -2:20 PM Topic: Beyond Opioids: Adjuvant Medication Strategies for Complex Pain Presented by: Evan Jay, PA | |
| 2:00-2:20 PM Topic: Transfacet and Intrafacet Implants Presented by: Jonathan Daitch, MD | 2:20-2:40 PM Topic: Facial Pain Management: Tailored Approaches and Case Studies Presented by: Robert Ball, DO, MS | |
| 2:20-2:40 PM Topic: Update on Sacroiliac Joint Surgery Presented by: Sunil Panchal, MD | 2:40-3:00 PM Topic: Interventional Pain Jeopardy: Test Your Clinical Knowledge Part 1 Presented by: Michael F. Esposito, MD and Marie Zambelli, MSN, APRN, FNP-C | |
| 2:40-3:00 PM Topic: Q&A Panel Session Moderated by: Sunil Panchal, MD Presented by: Louis Raso, MD, Jonathan Daitch, MD | | |
| Time | Location | Topic |
| 3:00-3:30 PM | Kiran C | Afternoon Break with Exhibits and Poster Viewing. Sponsorship Available. <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit</i> |



The Florida Society of Interventional Pain Physicians presents:
Interventional Pain Management 2026
 October 15-18, 2026 JW Marriott Clearwater, Clearwater Beach, FL
 Course Directors: Maulik K. Bhalani, MD and Vania E. Fernandez, MD

Saturday, October 17, 2026

| | | | |
|---|---|---|--|
| General Session Topic: Business Considerations in Pain Management: BIG Waves in the SEA. Room Name: Kiran Grand Ballroom Moderator: Miguel de la Garza, MD | | APP Breakout Course Room Name: Coral Moderators: Michael F. Esposito, MD, Wayne Nguyen, MD, and Marie Zambelli, MSN, APRN, FNP-C | |
| 3:30-3:50 PM | Topic: RFA: The Real Way | Presented by: Stanley Golovac, MD | |
| 3:30-3:50 PM | Topic: Interventional Pain Jeopardy: Test Your Clinical Knowledge Part 2 | Presented by: Michael F. Esposito, MD and Marie Zambelli, MSN, APRN, FNP-C | |
| 3:50-4:10 PM | Topic: Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Concerns Around Neural Devices | Presented by: Erika A. Petersen, MD, FAANS | |
| General Session Room Name: Kiran Grand Ballroom Moderator: Maulik Bhalani, MD | | | |
| 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 | | |



The Florida Society of Interventional Pain Physicians presents:
Interventional Pain Management 2026
 October 15-18, 2026 JW Marriott Clearwater, Clearwater Beach, FL
 Course Directors: Maulik K. Bhalani, MD and Vania E. Fernandez, MD

Saturday, October 17, 2026

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

4:45-6:45 pm

**Not part of the CME program, no CME credit*

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

Sunday, October 18, 2026

| Time | Topic | | Faculty |
|----------------|-------------|---|---------|
| 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> | |

General Session

Room Name: Kiran Grand Ballroom

Moderator: Wayne Nguyen, MD



The Florida Society of Interventional Pain Physicians presents:
Interventional Pain Management 2026
 October 15-18, 2026 JW Marriott Clearwater, Clearwater Beach, FL
 Course Directors: Maulik K. Bhalani, MD and Vania E. Fernandez, MD

Sunday, October 18, 2026

| | | |
|----------------|--|--|
| 8:00-8:30 AM | Top 3 Abstracts Awards and Presentation - 10 minutes each Moderated by Title Presented by: Title Presented by: Title Presented by: | |
| 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 | Presented by: Paul Lynch, MD |
| 9:00-9:30 AM | Topic: AI and Practice Management Pearls: Implementation of RTM | Presented by: Ryan Budwany, MD, MBA, MPH |
| 9:30-9:50 AM | Topic: Intrathecal Drug Delivery - Lessons Learned | Presented by: Dennis J. Patin, MD |
| 9:50-10:10 AM | | |
| 10:10-10:30 AM | Topic: TBD | Presented by: David E. Reece, DO, FAAPM&R, FAANEM, MAJ(P), MC, USA |
| 10:30-10:50 AM | Topic: Treating the Difficult Patient | Presented by: Jonathan Daitch, MD |



The Florida Society of Interventional Pain Physicians presents:
Interventional Pain Management 2026
October 15-18, 2026 JW Marriott Clearwater, Clearwater Beach, FL
Course Directors: Maulik K. Bhalani, MD and Vania E. Fernandez, MD

| | | |
|----------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 10:50-11:05 AM | Topic: Interventional Treatment - Starting with the End Goal In Sight | Presented by: Jonathan Daitch, MD |
| 11:05-11:15 AM | Wrap Up and Final Q&A | Wayne Nguyen, MD |

Conclusion of the day