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 October 15-18, 2026 JW Marriott Clearwater, Clearwater Beach, FL
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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

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, and Harold Cordner, MD



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AI Solutions for Successful Implementation
Room Name: Kiran Grand Ballroom
 Moderator: Deborah Tracy, MD, MBA

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10:10-10:40 AM	Kiran C	Break with Exhibits and Poster Viewing Product Theater hosted by Vertex Pharmaceuticals <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit</i>	
10:40-11:00 AM	Legal Liability when Using AI Scribes		Presented by: Harold Cordner, MD
11:00-11:20 AM	AI and Practice Management Pearls: Implementation of RTM		Presented by: Ryan Budwany, MD, MBA, MPH
11:20-11:40 AM	AI Solutions for Successful Implementation		Presented by: Mickey Smith
11:40-12:00 PM	Implementing AI into Practice		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
General Session 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 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	
2:00-2:20 PM Battles to Protect Your Practice at the Legislative Level Presented by: Vania Fernandez, MD	2:00-2:20 PM Topic: Decoding Discogenic Pain: Modern Therapies & Real-World Cases Presented by: Marie Zambelli, MSN, APRN, FNP-C	
2:20-2:40 PM Denials and Prior Authorizations for Medicare and Medicare Advantage Plans Presented by: Harold Cordner, MD	2:20-2:40 PM Topic: Remote Neuromodulation 101: Practical Strategies Presented by: Evan Jay, PA	
2:40-3:00 PM Q&A and open discussion Moderated by: Harold Cordner, MD Presented by: Jon Johnson, Darren McAuley, DO and Vania Fernandez, MD	2:40-3:00 PM Topic: Synergy in Care: Maximizing Outcomes with Physical Medicine plus Interventional Procedures Presented by: Stacie Seeram, PA-C	



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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>
General Session 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>	
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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 High Seas: Rising Above the Surface of Normal Injections 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
8:00-8:15 AM 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 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 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



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8:30-8:55 AM 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: Jonathan Daitch, MD
8:55-9:15 AM Autologous Stem Cell Injections for DJD Presented by: James Ghattas, DO	
9:15-9:30 AM 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



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9:30-9:45 AM		10:10-10:30 AM Discussion and Q&A
Identification of the SCS Patient		
Presented by: Miguel de la Garza, MD		
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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11:00-11:15 AM 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
11:15-11:30 AM 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 Perfecting the PNS Implant Presented by: Alaa Abd-Elsayed, 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 Cervicogenic Headache: Interventional Perspectives Presented by: Sean Li, MD	
12:00-12:15 PM DRG for Multiple Clinical Conditions Presented by: Dennis J. Patin, MD	12:00-12:15 PM Q & A



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12:15-1:40 PM	Pallavi Ballroom	Lunch Symposium. Sponsored by Boston Scientific <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit</i>
General Session 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
1:40-2:00 PM 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 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 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



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2:40-3:00 PM Q&A Panel Session Moderated by: Sunil Panchal, MD Presented by: Louis Raso, MD, Jonathan Daitch, MD			Presented by: Michael F. Esposito, MD and Marie Zambelli, MSN, APRN, FNP-C
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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>	
General Session 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 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 Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Concerns Around Neural Devices Presented by: Erika A. Petersen, MD, FAANS		3:50-4:10 PM Ask the Experts Panel Q&A: Get Answers to Your Burning Questions	



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4:10-4:40 PM

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

4:45-6:45 pm

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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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8:00-8:30 AM	Top 3 Abstracts Awards and Presentation - 10 minutes each Moderated by: Wayne Nguyen, MD 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
9:00-9:20 AM	Intrathecal Drug Delivery - Lessons Learned	Presented by: Dennis J. Patin, MD
9:20-9:40 AM	Discography - The Lost Art	Stanley Golovac, MD
9:40-10:00 AM	Military & Veteran Healthcare: Unique Treatment Considerations	Presented by: David E. Reece, DO, FAAPM&R, FAANEM, MAJ(P), MC, USA

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10:00-10:20 AM	Treating the Difficult Patient	Presented by: Jonathan Daitch, MD
10:20-10:40 AM	Interventional Treatment - Starting with the End Goal In Sight	Presented by: Jonathan Daitch, MD
10:40-11:00 AM	Wrap Up and Final Q&A	Wayne Nguyen, MD

Conclusion of the day