

	Thursday, March 5, 2026				
Time	Location	Event			
7:00-7:50 AM		Breakfast			
7:00 AM		Registration Opens			
7:00-12:00 PM		Fellows Cadaver Lab (please see lab agenda)			
APP Course *Additional Registration Required Grand Ballroom D		Fundamentals of Pain Medicine *Additional Registration Required Grand Ballroom D	Emergency Medicine/Acute Pain *Additional Registration Required Grand Ballroom C		
8:00-8:30 AM Listening to pain (how to be an expert in communicating, but more importantly, listening to pain) Presented by: Kristen Slater, PsyD		8:00-8:30 AM Listening to pain (how to be an expert in communicating, but more importantly, listening to pain) Presented by: Kristen Slater, PsyD	8:00-8:45 AM Procedural Management of Acute and Chronic Pain Presented by: Jessica Oswald, MD		
8:30-9:00 AM "The brief cervical and lumbar spine exam - keeping it simple" Axial pain generators Presented by: Gagan Mahajan, MD		8:30-9:00 AM "The brief cervical and lumbar spine exam - keeping it simple" Axial pain generators Presented by: Gagan Mahajan, MD	8:45-9:15 AM Improving Needle Visualization and Procedural Safety Presented by: Kellie Jaremko, MD, PhD		
9:00-9:30 AM  How to approach a Lumbar Spine MRI- A neuroradiologist's perspective Presented by: IMH		9:00-9:30 AM How to approach a Lumbar Spine MRI- A neuroradiologist's perspective Presented by: IMH	9:15-9:30 AM IV Buprenorphine for Acute Pain Presented by: Jon B. Lee, MD		



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9:30-10:00 AM  Medication management - what guides our choices?  Presented by: Lisa Luciani, PharmD, and Jeremy  Adler, DMSc, PA-C		9:30-10:00 AM Medication management - what guides our choices? Presented by: Lisa Luciani, PharmD, and Jeremy Adler, DMSc, PA-C	9:30-10:00 AM Non-pharmacologic options for Acute Pain Management Presented by: Andrew Chang, MD, MS	
10:00-10:15 AM	P-10:15 AM Break *not part of the CME program, no CME credit available			
10:15-10:45 AM Fundamentals of non-pharmacological interventions Presented by: TBD		10:15-10:45 AM Fundamentals of non-pharmacological interventions Presented by: TBD	10:15-10:45 AM Transitional Pain Service - How we can prevent ED and Hospital Re-Admissions Presented by: Jeffrey Merz- Herrala, MD	
10:45-11:15 AM Approaches to Opioid Weaning/De-escalation Presented by: Traci Speed, MD, PhD		10:45-11:15 AM Approaches to Opioid Weaning/De-escalation Presented by: Traci Speed, MD, PhD	10:45-11:15 AM Erector Spinae Plane Block for Visceral Pain—Is it Worth a Shot? Presented by: Irvan Bubic	
11:15-11:45 AM Buprenorphine for the Pain Practitioner Presented by: Sudheer Potru, DO, FASA, FASAM		11:15-11:45 AM Buprenorphine for the Pain Practitioner Presented by: Sudheer Potru, DO, FASA, FASAM	11:15-12:00 PM Case-Based Discussion: Regional Blocks for Orthopedic Injuries Moderated by: Jon B. Lee, MD Panelists: Kellie Jaremko, MD, PhD, Rodney Gabriel, MD, and Anthony Machi, MD	



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11:45-12:00 PM Understanding urine toxicology reports Presented by: Tim Furnish, MD		11:45-12:00 PM Understanding urine toxicology reports Presented by: Tim Furnish, MD	11:15-12:00 PM Case-Based Discussion: Regional Blocks for Orthopedic Injuries (continued)	
12:00-1:00 PM	*not part of the CME program, no CME credit available			
12:00-5:00 PM	Attendings Cadaver Lab (please see lab agenda)			
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· •	ffective transition from acute care to	1:00-1:30 PM Evidence-based approaches to diagnosis and	Hip Blocks (PENG/Fascia Iliaca/Femoral) Machi	
community Presented by: Mary Jane Estrada-Lyder, MSN, RN, ANP-BC		treatment of migraines Presented by: Prasad Shirvalkar, MD, PhD	Brachial Plexus (Interscalene/axillary) Jaremko	
1:30-2:00 PM Legal Tips & Pearls - APP Scope and Team Practice Presented by: Robert Harrison & Jeremy Adler, DMSc, PA-C		1:30-2:00 PM Restless Relief: Double-Edged sword of pain and sleep Presented by: Lisa Luciani	Lower Extremity Blocks (Transgluteal Sciatic/Adductor/Genicular) Herrala/Oswald	



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2:00-2:30 PM Most commonly seen pain conditions (back pain, migraine, FM) Presented by: Theresa Mallick-Searle, MS, PMGT-BC, ANP-BC		2:00-2:30 PM Peripheral neuropathy Presented by: Ann Shah, MD	Rib Fractures (SAP/ESP/Paravertebral) Rodney Gabriel	
2:30-3:00 PM Pain Management in the Acute Care Setting (peripheral nerve block, epidural catheters, PCA management, IV lidocaine/ketamine, etc.) Presented by: Mary Jane Estrada-Lyder, MSN, RN, ANP-BC		2:30-3:00 PM "We will offer you fusion." (ALIF, TLIF, PLIF, LIFbut which to choose?) Moderated by: TBD Panelists: Julie Pilitsis, MD, PhD, MBA, and Safdar Khan, MD	Truncal Block - TAP Block/Illioinguinal/Illiohypogastric/Ankle Blocks (sural, tibial, SPN, DPN, Saphenous) Perese/Lee	
3:00-3:15 PM Break *not part of the CME program, no CME of		CME credit available		
APP Ultrasound Lab *Additional Registration Required Grand Ballroom D		Emergency Medicine/Acute Pain *Additional Registration Required Grand Ballroom D	Cancer Pain *Additional Registration Required Grand Ballroom C	
Simple Joint (knee and shoulder)      Trigger Points		3:15-4:00 рм Perioperative PNS/Cryo/Ablation/Catheters	3:15-3:30 РМ Cancer Pain Epidemiology: Current State of Affairs Presented by: Ann Shah, MD	
3. Use of US for N shoulder/knee/hi	1SK injections/large joint/ p	Moderated by: Josh Perese, MD Panelists: Kellie Jaremko, MD, PhD, Anthony Machi, MD, and Rodney Gabriel, MD	3:30-4:00 РМ Intrathecal therapy - what have we learned? Presented by: Shane Brogan, MD	



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1. Simple Joint (knee and shoulder)		4:00-4:45 PM Management of Acute Pain for Patients with a History of Substance Use Disorder Presented by: Josh Perese, MD	4:00-4:30 PM Expansive and novel use of the bone ablation system Presented by: Nathan Neufeld, DO	
2. Trigger Points		4:45-5:30 PM Anesthesia Procedures & Chronic Pain Moderated by: Jessica Oswald	4:30-5:00 PM  Neurosurgical techniques to treat cancer pain  Presented by: Stephano Chang, MD, PhD	
3. Use of US for MSK injections/large joint/ shoulder/knee/hip		Regional Anesthesia Panelists: Kellie Jaremko, MD, PhD, Anthony Machi, MD, and Rodney Gabriel, MD	5:00-5:30 PM  New application for neuromodulation and CIPN  Presented by: Ryan D'Souza, MD	
6:30 РМ	APP Reception-Invitation Only *not part of the CME program, no CME credit available			



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7:00-7:15 AM		Welcome & Opening Remarks by AAPM President		
7:15-8:15 AM		CME Breakfast **Sponsorship available**		
8:15-8:30 AM	Transition to Gen	neral Session		
8:30-9:30 AM	Future of Interventional Pain Medicine: Fireside Chat and Keynote Address by Multi-Society Pain Medicine Leaders Robert Hurley, MD, PhD, Zack McCormick, MD, Steven Cohen, MD, Julie Pilitsis, MD, PhD, MBA, and David Dickerson, MD			
9:30-10:00 AM	Break *not part of the CME program, no CME credit available			
General Session Grand Ballroom		Break Out 1 Grand Ballroom A	Break Out 2 Grand Ballroom D	
10:00-10:30 AM Complex Regional Pain Syndrome - a New Understanding Presented by: Norman Harden, MD		10:00-10:30 AM Acute Low Back Pain Guideline Session ( <i>results from the FDA-funded AAPM collaboration with OHSU</i> ) Presented by: Jessica Oswald, MD, MPH, and Devan	10:00-10:30 AM How software is guiding the therapies of tomorrow: Nav1.7-1.9 Targets Presented by: Brandon Harris, PhD	
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11:00-11:30 AM Understanding the PILD procedure and how to incorporate the therapy into practice. Presented by: Denis Patterson, DO		11:00-12:00 PM  Unrecognized Pain in Ehlers-Danlos: Diagnosis, Treatment, and the Role of Muscles and Mast Cells Presented by: Norman Marcus, MD, Nimish Mittal, MD, MS, and Theoharis Theoharides, MD, PhD	11:00-11:30 AM AAPM Restorative Function Guideline Presented by: Trent Emerick, MD, MBA & Joel Castellanos, MD (Guideline Co-Chairs)
11:30-12:00 PM Understanding minimally invasive spinal stabilization Presented by: Douglas P. Beall, MD			11:30-12:00 PM Pain Medicine Highlights Presented by: Robert Hurley, MD, PhD
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch *not part of the CME p	program, no CME credit available	
1:00-1:05 PM	Transition to Sessi	ions	
1:05-1:35 PM Kyphoplasty compared to conservative treatments: what does the data say? Presented by: Zachary McCormick, MD		1:05-2:00 Transitional Pain Services: An American and Canadian Experience Presented by: Marie Hanna, MD, and Hance Clark,	1:05-1:35  How do we understand the neural networks that contribute to the pain experience?  Presented by: Fadel Zeidan, PhD
1:35-1:50 PM Kyphoplasty/vertebroplasty and cancer pain: clinical pearls Presented by: Nathan Neufeld, DO		MD, PhD, FRCPC	1:35-1:50 PM Mindfulness for Pain and Opioid Misuse Presented by: Eric Garland, PhD, LCSW



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1:50-2:20 PM Transition to Sessions			
General Session Vertebral Pain Grand Ballroom BC		Break Out 1 Grand Ballroom A	Break Out 2 Behavioral Medicine/Research Grand Ballroom D
2:20-3:00 PM Flash Talks		2:30-3:00 PM Flash Talks	2:20-3:00 PM Flash Talks
3:00-3:30 PM  Break *not part of the CME program, no CME credit available			
Pain Preventio Grand Ballroom		Neuromodulation Grand Ballroom A	Behavioral Medicine/Research Grand Ballroom D
3:30-4:00 PM Why We Sleep?: Sleep Deficit and Pain Amplification Presented by: Emmanuel Mignot, MD, PhD		3:30-4:00 PM SCS and Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy: Data and experience Presented by: Denis G. Patterson, DO	3:30-4:00 PM Access in pain care - are we failing the underserved? Presented by: Eric Garland, PhD, LCSW
Pain Prevention Grand Ballroom BC		Neuromodulation Grand Ballroom A	Behavioral Medicine/Research Grand Ballroom D
4:00-4:30 PM Revolutionizing Chronic Pain Management through Sleep and Lifestyle Medicine Presented by: Natacha Telusca, MD, MPH, Heather Poupore-King, PhD, and Corrine Cooley, DPT, OCS, TPS		4:00-4:30 PM Choosing the waveform? - Panel Q&A - Moderated by: Sayed Emal Wahezi Panelists: Denis G. Patterson, DO, Lynn Kohan, MD, and Ryan D'Souza, MD	4:00-4:30 PM Artificial Intelligence - Deep Learning and Pain Medicine - Will AI and digital health exacerbate inequalities, or are we poised for the next epiphany in healthcare? Presented by: Salman Hirani, MD



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4:30-5:00 PM Winning strategies for refractory headache Presented by: Nathaniel Schuster, MD, and Charles Argoff, MD		4:30-5:00 PM SIJ Multisociety Workgroup Guidelines Moderated by: Steven Cohen, MD Panelists: Zack McCormick, MD, and Robert Hurley, MD, PhD	4:30-5:00 PM Visceral and Nociplastic Neuropathic pain an Anatomical Review Presented by: Frank Willard, PhD
5:00-5:30 PM  New and Emerging Treatments for neuropathic pain  Presented by: Nathaniel Schuster, MD, and Prasad Shirvalkar, MD, PhD		5:00-5:30 PM Sacroilliac joint fusion (A comprehensive multidisciplinary discussion) Presented by: Julie Pilitsis, MD, PhD, MBA, Safdar Khan, MD, and Scott G. Pritzlaff, MD	5:00-5:30 PM Dysautonomia and Pain - What do we know? Presented by: Glenn Treisman, MD, PhD
5:30	Reception with Exhibitors *not part of the CME program, no CME credit available		
6:30	Fellows & Residents Reception *not part of the CME program, no CME credit available		
6:30	Innovation Networking Reception - Invitation Only *not part of the CME program, no CME credit available		

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7:00-8:00 AM CME Breakfast **Sponsorship available**			



Saturday, March 7, 2026				
8:15-8:30 AM		Welcome & Opening Remarks by PainConnect 2026	Chairs	
8:30-9:30 AM		Keynote Presentation 2 TBD		
9:30-10:00 AM		Break *not part of the CME program, no CME credit availab	le	
Intradiscal and Vertebrogenic pain (Intracept, Intradiscal injectables) Moderated by: David Copenhaver, MD, MPH Grand Ballroom BC		Global/International with AAPM International Partners Grand Ballroom A	Break Out 2 Grand Ballroom D	
10:00-10:15 AM Basivertebral Nerve Ablation Presented by: Zack McCormick, MD		TBD	10:00-10:45 AM Providing Hope to the Patients Who Have Failed Everything	
10:15-10:30 AM Viadisc/Regenerative Presented by: Douglas P. Beall, MD		TBD	Moderated by: Traci Speed Panelists: Glenn Treisman, MD, PhD, Vanessa Walik, LCSW, and Tess Spence, OTR	
Presented by: Douglas P. Beall, MD  10:30-11:00 AM Intradiscal collagenase injections Presented by: David Copenhaver, MD, MPH		TBD	10:45-11:00 AM The Pain We Don't Treat Presented by: Nilson Nogueira Mendes-Neto, MD	



Saturday, March 7, 2026			
11:00-11:30 AM Unpack the BACPAC: a review of NIH studies of pain Moderated by: Tim Furnish, MD Panelists: Ajay Wasan, MD, and Mark Wallace, MD		11:00-12:00 PM Pain, power, and Pressure: perspectives from women leaders in pain medicine Moderated by: Antje Barreveld Panelists: Marie Hanna, MD, Jessica Oswald, MD, Tania Di Renna, MD	11:00-11:30 AM Successful Pain Practice: Academic and Private Presented by: Maged Guirguis, MD, and Gemayel Lee, MD
Intradiscal and Vertebrogenic pain (Intracept, Intradiscal injectables) Moderated by: David Copenhaver, MD, MPH Grand Ballroom BC			Break Out 2 Grand Ballroom D
11:30-12:00 PM Analgesics of the future from bench to bedside Presented by: Charles Argoff, MD, and Lisa Luciani, PharmD			11:30-12:00 PM Establishment of a Pain Medicine Residency Presented by: Sayed Emal Wahezi, MD, Scott G.Pritzlaff, MD, and Michael Schatman, PhD
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch *not part of the CME program, no CME credit available		
1:00-1:15 PM	Transition to Sessions		



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Innovation Challenge *not part of the CME program, no CME credit available Grand Ballroom BC		Flash Talks *not part of the CME program, no CME credit available Grand Ballroom A	Flash Talks *not part of the CME program, no CME credit available Grand Ballroom D		
1:15-3:15 PM Innovation Challenge Pitch Competition		1:15-3:15 PM Flash Talks	1:15-3:15 PM Flash Talks		
3:15-4:00 PM	Break *not part of the CME program, no CME credit available				
The BMJ and the response by AAPM Grand Ballroom BC		Interventional/Surgical Grand Ballroom A	Pain Behavioral Health 101 Grand Ballroom D		
4:00-5:00 PM Due diligence and how to review the literature Moderated by: Sudheer Potru, DO, FASA, FASAM Panelists: Jason Busse, DC, PhD, Jason Friedrich, MD, Steven Cohen, MD, Lynn Kohan, MD, and Nathaniel Schuster, MD		4:00-4:30 PM Multifidus Stimulation and Physical Therapy Presented by: Trent Emerick, MD	4:00-4:45 PM The brain and gut - what have we learned thus far, and what does it portend for the future? Presented by: Jay Pasricha, MD, and Glenn Treisman, MD, PhD		
		4:30-5:00 PM Understanding the multifidus muscle and surrounding structure - an anatomical journey Presented by: Frank Willard, PhD	4:45-5:00 PM Identifying "Parallel Pains": A Case-based Approach to Rapidly Assessing Psychobehavioral Comorbidities to Chronic Disabling Pain Presented by: Xavier Jimenez, MD		



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The BMJ and the response by AAPM Grand Ballroom BC		Interventional/Surgical Grand Ballroom A	Pain Behavioral Health 101 Grand Ballroom D		
5:00-5:30 PM PILD v minimally invasive lateral fusion v surgical decompression Presented by: Julie Pilitsis, MD, PhD, MBA, Denis G. Patterson, DO, and Safdar Khan, MD		5:00-5:30 PM Resilience Against the Transformation to chronic pain: the culinary and lifestyle connection. Presented by: Scott Fishman, MD	5:00-5:30 PM Personalization vs Protocolization in Pain Prevention and Treatment Presented by: Kristin Schreiber, MD, PhD, Hance Clark, MD, PhD, FRCPC, and Laura Payne, PhD		
5:30-6:00 PM Panel Discussion Moderated by: John Edwards, MD, PhD, and David Copenhaver, MD, MPH			5:30-6:00 PM Updates in Gene Therapy for Chronic Pain Presented by: Trent Emerick, MD, MBA, and Sara Dochnal, PhD		
6:30	O Saturday Awards & Celebration Gala  *not part of the CME program, no CME credit available				

Sunday, March 8, 2026			
Time	Location	Event	
7:00 AM	SIG Networking Breakfast		
8:00-8:30 AM	AAPM Annual Business Meeting		



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General Session Grand Ballroom D	Break Out 1 Grand Ballroom C			
8:30-9:00 AM Suzetrigine: Acute Pain Presented by: Jessica Oswald, MD	8:30-9:00 AM Utilization of VR in Pain Medicine Presented by: Maged Guirguis, MD			
9:00-9:30 AM Can wearables allow for a new pain biomarker? Presented by: Houman Homanyou, PhD (development) & Ajay Wasan, MD (clinical application)	9:00-9:30 AM Clinical research, how to market/connect with industry/manage budgets; navigating the NIH Moderated by: Traci Speed, MD, PhD Presented by: Steven Cohen, MD, Mark Wallace, MD, and Jay Pasricha, MD			
9:30-10:00 AM Panel Discussion Moderated by: David Copenhaver, MD, MPH Panelists: Houman Homanyou, PhD, and Ajay Wasan, MD	9:30-10:00 AM Mentorship in Pain Medicine - The Key to the Future of our specialty Presented by: Paul Cheng, MD			
10:00-10:30 AM Joint RFA - Shoulder, Hip, Knee; safety and efficacy Presented by: Scott G.Pritzlaff, MD	10:00-10:30 AM Painful Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy, Current Bench to Bedside Perspectives Presented by: Gerard Limerick, MD, PhD, Diana Tavares-Ferreira, PhD, and Newaj Abdullah, MD			
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Sunday, March 8, 2026				
10:30-11:00 AM Are Regenerative Therapies Immunotherapies? Presented by: Thomas Buchheit, MD, and Jianguo Cheng, MD, PhD		10:30-11:00 AM Topical Therapies Presented by: Jeremy Adler, MD, Hance Clark, MD, PhD, FRCPC, and Priyanka Singla, MD		
11:00-11:30 AM Psychedelics Mechanisms, Drugs, Evidence-Panel Presented by: Tim Furnish, MD, and Traci Speed, MD, PhD		11:00-11:30 AM What I learned from visiting 81 pain centers in the world Presented by: John Xavier Pereira, MD, MC, CCFP		
11:30-12:00 PM All things ketamine (academia and private practice: what's the difference?) Presented by: Priyanka Singla, MD and TBD		11:30-12:00 PM Untangling Pelvic Pain: A Fireside Chat Presented by: Alopi Patel, MD & Kristen MacKenzie, and Meera Kirpekar		
12:00	Session concludes			