

17th Annual Conference

February 27-28, 2026 | Sheraton Sand Key Resort, Clearwater, FL

Course Directors: Neal Rakesh, MD, and Grant H. Chen, MD

FRIDAY, February 27, 2026

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Registration and Exhibit Set-up	
9:00-11:30 AM	Exhibitor Set-up
12:30-1:00 PM	Registration Opens - All Clinicians must check in daily for CME Boxed Lunch Available
1:00-3:00 PM (40-minute rotations) Room Name: Ultrasound Workshop Course Director: Grant Chen, MD and Neal Rakesh, MD	
Station 1: Live Model - Ultrasound - Cervical Spine (Stellate, Cervical/Brachial Plexus, Greater Occipital Nerve, Cervical Medial Branch/Facet Joint)	Mark Hurdle, MD, Sahil Gupta, MD, Matthew Pingree, MD, Ali Valimahomed, MD, FAAPMR, Michael Gofeld, MD, PhD, Einar Ottestad, MD, Amitabh Gulati, MD, Grant Chen, MD, Neal Rakesh, MD
Station 2: Live Model - Ultrasound - Thoracic/Lumbar Spine (Paravertebral, Intercostal Nerve, Thoracic Planes, Cluneal Nerve, Thoracic/Lumbar Facet, Sacroiliac Joint, Caudal)	
Station 3: Live Model - Ultrasound - Upper/Lower Extremities Blocks	
3:00-5:00 PM (40-minute rotations) Room Name: Fluoro Core Skills Workshop Course Director: Grant Chen, MD and Neal Rakesh, MD	
Station 4: Simulator - C-arm - Lumbar (ILES, TFESI, Medial Branch)	Thomas Del Gurcio, MD, Javier Sanchez, MD, Steven M. Falowski, MD, Helen Blake, MD, MBA, Grant Chen, MD, Neal Rakesh, MD
Station 5: Simulator - C-arm - Cervical (ILES, Medial Branch)	
Station 6: Simulator - C-arm - Sacral (Sacroiliac Joint, Caudal ESI) & Sympathetic (Lumbar Sympathetic Block)	
5:30-6:30PM Welcome Reception with Exhibitors <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit available.</i>	
5:30PM Lab Set Up	
7:00-9:00 PM Faculty Dinner <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit available.</i>	

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SATURDAY, February 28, 2026

Interventional Pain Physician Lab	
7:30 AM	Registration Opens
8:00-9:00 AM	Breakfast Sponsored by AIS Healthcare <i>Optimizing Intrathecal Pump Management for Chronic Pain Patients</i> <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit available.</i>
9:00-9:30A	Break with Exhibits During Transition to Lab <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit available.</i>
9:30-12:30 PM 30-minute rotations Room Name: Hands-On Cadaver Lab	
Floating Faculty: Nomen Azeem, MD, FAAPMR, Thomas Del Gurcio, MD, Javier Sanchez, MD	
Station 1: Spinal Cord Stimulation Sara Nashi, MD	
Station 2: Targeted Drug Delivery Dennis Patin, MD	
Station 3: Peripheral Nerve Stimulation - 60-day EPG Sahil Gupta, MD	
Station 4: Peripheral Nerve Stimulation - Implantable Ali Valimahomed, MD, FAAPMR	
Station 5: Basivertebral Nerve Ablation Harry P. Sukumaran, MD	
Station 6: Radiofrequency Nerve Ablation Matthew Pingree, MD	
Lunch Sponsored by SPR Therapeutics Room Name:	
12:30-1:00PM Top Abstracts (10 minutes each: 1 min intro, 6 min presentation, 3 min Q&A)	
1:00-1:30PM Presentation Sponsored by SPR Therapeutics	
1:30-2:00PM Dessert with Exhibits <i>*Not part of the CME program, no CME credit available.</i>	



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2:00-5:00PM | 30-minute rotations | Room Name:

Hands-On Cadaver Lab

Floating Faculty: Harry P. Sukumaran, MD, Thomas Del Gurcio, MD, Javier Sanchez, MD

Station 1: Lateral Interspinous Fusion or SI Joint Fusion

Ashley Bailey-Classen, DO

Station 2: Peripheral Nerve Stimulation - 60 Day EPG

Helen Blake, MD, MBA

Station 3: Balloon Kyphoplasty

Nomen Azeem, MD, FAAPMR

Station 4: Percutaneous Image-guided Lumbar Decompression

Daniel Pak, MD

Station 5: Dorsal Root Ganglion

Steven Falowski

Station 6: Discectomy

John Akhnoukh, MD