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The Kansas Society of Interventional Pain Physicians

KANSAS CITY CONVENTION CENTER
SEPTEMBER 18-19, 2026



PROGRAM BOOK



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

8:15 - 8:30 AM Welcome and Introduction
Mayank Gupta, MD, Ted Braun, MD

Session 1 (8:30-10:00 AM) Moderator: Samuel Murala, MD

Opioid Prescribing Fundamentals & Risk Stratification

8:30 - 9:00 AM 2026 CDC & DEA Opioid Prescribing Guidelines: Clinical Implications for Pain Practitioners
Samuel Murala, MD

9:00-9:20 AM Opioid Risk Assessment: Tools, Screening, and PDMP Utilization in Clinical Practice
Morteza Rabii

9:20-9:40 AM MATE Act Compliance & Buprenorphine Prescribing for Pain: What Every Pain Physician Must Know
Nabil Sibai, MD

9:40-10:00 AM Analgesics in the Post-Opioid Era: Updates on Buprenorphine for Chronic Pain. Transitioning from Opioids
Zohra Hussaini, NP

10:00-10:30 AM Coffee Break

Session 2 (10:30 – 12:15 PM) Moderator: Samuel Murala, MD

Medication Management — Opioids & Adjuvants

10:30-10:50 AM Long-Acting vs. Short-Acting Opioids: Individualized Selection, Titration & Monitoring
Samuel Murala, MD



- 10:50-11:10 AM** **Panel Discussion:** Non-Opioid Adjuvant Pharmacotherapy:
SNRIs, Anticonvulsants, TCAs & Muscle Relaxants in Chronic Pain
Moderator: Vivek Mehta, MD
Panel members: Samuel Murala, MD, Twinkal Dalal, MD, Vinny Francio,
MD, Mahoua Ray, MD
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- 11:10-11:30 AM** **Opioid-Induced Hyperalgesia: Recognition, Prevention & Management**
Sherin Fetouh, MD
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- 11:30-11:50 AM** **Role of Topical Analgesics in Acute & Chronic Pain**
Sri Nalamachu, MD
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- 11:50-12:10 PM** **Panel Discussion:** Opioid Management in Elderly & Medically Complex
Patients: Polypharmacy, Falls & Safety
Moderator: Zohra Hussaini, NP
Panel members: Morteza Rabii, Angio Barten, Patrick McGin,
Jessica Forbes
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- 12:10-12:15 PM** **Q&A**
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- 12:15-1:15 PM** **Lunch Symposium**
No CME Credit hours are available for this session.

Session 3 (1:15-3:20 PM)
Moderator: Zohra Hussaini, NP

**Special Populations & Challenging
Clinical Scenarios**

- 1:15-1:35 PM** **Panel Discussion:** Treating Chronic Pain in Patients with Substance Use
Disorder: OUD, MAT & the Pain-Addiction Overlap
Moderator: Roopa Sethi, MD
Panel members: Vivek Mehta, MD, Nabil Sibai, MD, Rakhi Dayal, MD,
Katie Fry, NP
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- 1:35-1:55 PM** **Opioid Management in Cancer Survivorship & Palliative Care:
Balancing Efficacy & Risk**
Hemant Kalia, MD



1:55- 2:15 PM **Urine Drug Monitoring: Interpretation, Emerging Assays & Medicolegal Implications**
Samuel Murala, MD

2:15-2:40 PM **Next Generation Compounds for Epidural Injection. Review of Data and Efficacy**
Sri Nalamachu, MD

2:40-2:55 PM **Panel Discussion: Allogeneic Allograft for Discogenic Pain**
Moderator: Dany Neuman, MD
Panel members: Andrew Sack, MD, Jeff Foster, MD, Timothy Sowder, MD

2:55 - 3:30 PM **Coffee Break**

Session 4 (3:30-5:15 PM)

Moderator: Allison Bell, MD

3:30-3:50 PM **Fibromyalgia and Sublingual Cyclobenzapine Pharmaceutical Implications**
Andrea Chadwick, MD

3:50-4:00 PM **Novel Non-Opioid NA 1.7 Inhibitors and their Role in Pain Management**
Usman Latif, MD

4:00-4:15 PM **Regenerative Medicine for Chronic Knee Pain. PRP vs Stem Cells**
Paras Shah, MD

4:15-4:30 PM **Panel Discussion: TBD**
Moderator: Usman Latif, MD
Panel members: Sherin Fetouh, MD, Hemant Kalia, MD, Nabil Sibai, MD, Alexander Escobar, MD



4:30-5:30 PM Welcome & Cocktail Reception and Fundraising
(*Luke Foundation*)

7:00-10:00 PM Faculty Dinner
(invitation only)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

7:30-8:30 AM Breakfast Symposium
No CME Credit hours are available for this session

Session 5 (8:30-9:50 AM)
Moderator: Hemant Kalia, MD

**Spinal Interventions —
Evidence & Best Practices**

8:30-8:50 AM **Panel Discussion:** Cervicogenic Headache. Diagnosis and Current Treatment strategies
Moderator: Steve Kosa, MD
Panel members: Deetra Ford, MD, Allison Bell, MD, Jeff Kaplan, MD

8:50-9:10 AM **Panel Discussion:** Lumbar Facet Fusion. Indication and Long-term Efficacy.
Moderator: Dawood Sayed, MD
Panel members: Alexander Bailey, MD, Pankaj Mehta, MD, Timothy Sowder, MD, Gupreet Gandhoke, MD,



9:10-9:30 AM **Panel Discussion:** SI Joint Fusion: Posterior Transfixation vs Lateral Fusion. Coding Compliance and Evidence
Moderator: Hemant Kalia, MD
Panel members: Wes Whitten, MD, Dany Neuman, MD, Sherin Fetouh, MD, David Reece, MD

9:30-9:50 AM **Panel Discussion:** Multifidus Muscle Stimulation. Is it restorative?
Moderator: Vinny Francio, MD
Panel members: Saad Syed, MD, Jeff Foster, MD, Adam Grooms, MD, Alexander Bailey, MD

9:50-10:15 AM **Coffee Break**

Session 6 (10:15-12:00 AM)

Moderator: Rany T. Abdallah, MD

Peripheral & Regenerative Interventions

10:15-10:45 AM **Panel Discussion:** Spinal Cord Stimulation: Multiple Waveforms. How do you choose?
Moderator: Rany T. Abdallah, MD
Panel members: Wes Whitten, MD, Rakhi Dayal, MD, Saad Syed, MD, Ahmed Raslan, MD

10:45-11:05 AM **Panel Discussion:** Intrathecal Drug Delivery Systems: Does it fits in Chronic Pain Management Algorithm Current Consensus in Drug Selection
Moderator: Alaa Abd-Elsayed, MD
Panel members: Timothy Sowder, MD, Christopher Lam, MD, John Clough, MD

11:05-11:20 AM **Panel Discussion:** Discogenic Pain: Basivertebral Ablation. Allogeneic Allograft; Disc Replacement. What is best for our patient?
Moderator: Ahmed Raslan, MD
Panel members: Sam Taylon, MD, Adam Grooms, MD, Shravani Durbhakula, MD



11:20-11:40 AM Panel Discussion: Prior Authorization, Payers' Policies & Advocacy:
Protecting Patient Access to Interventional Pain Care and Reimbursement
Moderator: Amol Soin, MD
Panel members: Hemant Kalia, MD, Vanila Singh, MD, Annu Navani, MD,
John Prunski, MD

11:40-12:00 PM Panel Discussion: PNS for Focal Neuropathic Pain
Moderator: Konstantin Slavin, MD
Panel members: Shravani Durbhakula, MD, Alexander Escobar, MD,
Rodney Jones, MD, Brittney Misercola, NP, Hess Panjeton, MD

12:00-12:20 AWARD CEREMONY
TBD

12:00-1:00 PM Lunch Symposium
No CME Credit hours are available for this session.

Session 7 (1:00-3:00 PM)
Moderator: Jeff Foster, MD

**Back Pain: Unveiling the future of Minimally
Invasive Spine Surgery/Interventions.**

1:00-1:20 PM Panel Discussion: Minimal Invasive Post Arthrodesis. How effective is it?
Pearls for successful overcome
Moderator: Usman Latif, MD
Panel Members: Christopher Lam, MD, Timothy Sowder, MD, Dany
Neuman, MD, Saad Syed, MD

**1:20-1:40 PM Endoscopic Discectomy Path to Training, Coding and Insurance
coverage update**
Didier Demesmin, MD



1:40-2:00 PM **Panel Discussion:** Minimally Invasive Procedure. How can Pain Management Physicians Partner with Spine Surgeons for Better Patient Care
Moderator: Dawood Sayed, MD
Panel Members: John Clough, MD, Alexander Bailey, MD, Gupreet Gandhoke, MD, Sam Taylon MD, Adam Grooms, MD

2:00-2:20 PM **Panel Discussion:** Minimally Invasive Decompression along with Postrial Arthrodesis – Will It Improve Outcomes?
Moderator: Konstantin Slavin, MD
Panel members: John Clough, MD, Wes Whitten, MD, Nabil Sibai, MD, Sherin Fetouh, MD

2:20-2:40 PM **Panel Discussion:** Neuromodulation and MIS Procedure. Our Overseas Colleagues do they do anything different?
Moderator: Dawn Sparks, DO
Panel members: Victor Silva, MD, Vivek Mehta, MD

2:40-3:00 PM LS-S1 Foraminal Stenosis. Individual Experience and Data Presentation.
Pankaj Mehta, MD

3:00-3:30 PM Coffee break

Session 8 (3:30-4:45 PM)

Moderator: Shravani Durbhakula, MD

3:30-3:50 PM **Panel Discussion:** Post Op Considerations and Management for MIS Procedures and Neuromodulation
Moderator: Zohra Hussaini, NP
Panel members: Morteza Rabii, NP, Patrick McGinn, PA, MD, Jason Orallo, NP, Angio Barten, Jessica Forbes, Katie Fry

3.50-4:10 PM **Panel Discussion:** Emerging role of Artificial Intelligence in Pain Medicine. How will it shape the future in research
Moderator: Amol Soin, MD
Panel members: Shravani Durbhakula, MD, Usman Latif, MD, Annu Navani, MD



4:10-4:30 PM **Panel Discussion:** Ever-changing Landscape of Payers' Policy and Coverage. How can we collaborate with HHS?
Moderator: Hemant Kalia, MD
Panel members: Jared Scott, MD, David Reece, MD, Shravani Durbhakula, MD, Vanila Singh, MD, John Prunskis, MD, Malia Shirley

4:30-5:30 PM Cocktail Reception

9:00 PM onwards *Party at Laila lounge*

