

A detailed illustration of a human torso and head, showing the skeletal structure and a complex network of nerves in shades of blue, purple, and pink. The spine is highlighted in a bright yellow-orange glow.

Mediterranean Pain Forum

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3rd May

PROGRAM

08.30 Registration

09.00 Opening: Welcome Remarks

SESSION I | INTRODUCTION TO CONTEMPORARY APPROACHES IN CHRONIC PAIN MANAGEMENT

Chairs: G. Lo Bianco | M. Day | C. Gregoretti

09.30 Interventional Pain Medicine: Bridging the Bio-Psycho-Social Abyss in Pain Management | M. Schatman

09.50 Elevating Interventional Pain Practice: The Imperative of Multidisciplinary Integrative Teams and Patient-Tailored Therapies | A. Bhaskar

10.10 Early Intervention Matters: Exploring the Vital Role of Interventional Pain Care in the Continuum of Early Pain Treatment | P. Staats

10.30 Navigating the Intersection of Artificial Intelligence and Pain Medicine for Enhanced Diagnostics and Treatment | M. Cascella

10.50 Discussion - Q&A

11.00 Coffee Break

SESSION II | EXPLORING MODERN CHRONIC PAIN MANAGEMENT

Chairs: G. Lo Bianco | V. Guardamagna | Silvia Natoli

11.15 Addressing the Void: Advocating for Comprehensive Pain Training and the importance of International Certification Standards | S. M. Raineri

11.35 Duetto: P. Staats | S. Mercadante

Moderator: M. Day

Specialized Duality or Unified Expertise: Exploring the Dichotomy in Ultra-Specialized Roles for Oncologic and Benign Pain Management



- 11.55 The Endocannabinoid system: Potential Therapeutic Application | V. Guardamagna
- 12.15 Neuropathic Pain Treatment – A Journey Back to the Basics and Beyond | F. Drago
- 12.35 Rountable - A. Bhaskar with the speakers, M. Schatman, M. Day, C. Santi and the audience
Pain Medicine Education: International Perspectives
- 13.00 Lunch Symposium
- 14.00 Opening Mediterranean Pain Forum
V. Lombardo
Greetings from Authorities
G. Albano, Presidente Fondazione G. Giglio
S. Amato, Presidente Ordine dei Medici di Palermo
- SESSION III | CHRONIC PAIN: INTERVENTIONAL INSIGHTS
Chairs: D. Canzio | C. A. Costa | L. Kapural
- 14.30 Precision in Pain: Navigating Facetogenic Pain with Medial Branch and Z-Joint Injections - Choosing Between Fluoroscopy and Ultrasound Guidance | E. Amorizzo
- 14.50 Epidurals Unveiled: Distinguishing Between Interlaminar and Transforaminal Steroid Injections - A Comprehensive Exploration of Rationale, Indications, and Contrast Patterns | G. Lo Bianco
- 15.10 Cold, Heat, and Pulses: Deciphering the Code for Pain Relief - Choosing the Right Modality in Cryoablation, Radiofrequency Ablation, and Pulse Radiofrequency | F. Occhigrossi
- 15.30 Sacroiliac Joint Intervention: Indications and Techniques – Emerging Therapies | S. Li
- 15.50 Discussionv - Q&A



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16.00 Networking Coffee Break - Exhibition Area

SESSION IV | CHRONIC PAIN: INTERVENTIONAL INSIGHTS

Chairs: A. Al-Kaisy | T. Angileri | V. De Santis

16.15 Revolutionizing Spinal Pain Care: Exploring the Frontier of Regenerative Medicine in Interventional Techniques | S. Diwan

16.35 Inside the Disc: Exploring Indications, Evidence, and Techniques of Intradiscal Interventional Procedures | P.Enea

16.55 Breaking Barriers: Advancements in Epidural Lysis of Adhesions and Epiduroscopy for Enhanced Pain Management | M. Day

17.15 Peripheral Nerve Stimulation for Chronic Pain | F. Micheli

SESSION V | RADIOFREQUENCY JOINT DENERVATION

Chairs: S. Crinò | S. Diwan | N. Salvo

17.35 Optimizing Knee Pain Relief: An In-Depth Review of Interventional Treatments – Indications, Outcomes, and Techniques under Ultrasound and Fluoroscopy | M. Schembari

17.50 Optimizing Hip Pain Relief: An In-Depth Review of Interventional Treatments – Indications, Outcomes, and Techniques under Ultrasound and Fluoroscopy | G. Terranova

18.10 Optimizing Shoulder Pain Relief: An In-Depth Review of Interventional Treatments – Indications, Outcomes, and Techniques under Ultrasound and Fluoroscopy | A. Tinnirello

18.50 End of scientific session

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SESSION VI | CURRENT PERSPECTIVES: UPDATES ON OPIOID THERAPY AND ADJUVANTS IN PAIN MANAGEMENT

Chairs: F. Occhigrossi | M. Schatman | G. Misseri

08.00 Breakfast Symposium – XXX sponsored

08.30 Current Perspectives on Opioid Therapy: Advancements and Challenges in Non-Cancer Pain Management | S. Mercadante

08.50 Exploring Innovations in Diagnostic and Interventional Ultrasound for MSK | D. Albano

09.10 Joint European Academy of Neurology-European Pain Federation-Neuropathic Pain Special Interest Group of the International Association for the Study of Pain guidelines on neuropathic pain assessment | Eleonora Galosi

09.30 Unraveling Opioid-Induced Hyperalgesia: Strategies for Recognition and Management | S. Natoli

09.50 Buprenorphine or Methadone for Opioid Use Disorder? | S. Mercadante

10.10 Discussion - Q&A

10.20 Networking Coffee Break

SESSION VII | NEUROMODULATION – SPINAL CORD STIMULATION

Chairs: A. Abd-Elseyed | E. Lo Giudice | Emanuele Piraccini

10.35 Understanding the Mechanisms of Action and Indications for Spinal Cord Stimulation | P. De Negri

10.55 Waveform Wonders: Exploring Different Modalities in Spinal Cord Stimulation | A. Al-Kaisy

11.15 Effectiveness of Combined Dorsal Root Ganglion And Spinal Cord Stimulation | S. Li



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- 11.35 ECAP Controlled Closed-Loop SCS | S. Li
- 11.55 Update On SCS, Now and The Future | L. Kapural
- 12.15 Discussion - Q&A

SESSION VIII | SPINE SURGERY AND MINIMALLY INVASIVE APPROACHES

Chairs: L. Basile | D. De Ridder | P. De Negri

- 12.25 Spinal Interventional Neuroradiology in Low Back Pain: crossing the border | L. Manfrè
- 12.45 Charting the Course: Indications, Timing, and Surgical Strategies in Spine Interventions | F. Perna
- 13.05 Safeguarding Care: Strategies for Complication Avoidance in Interventional Pain Medicine | A. Abd Elsayed
- 13.25 Lunch

SESSION IX | CHRONIC PAIN: INTERVENTIONAL INSIGHTS

Chairs: A. Al-Kaisy | S. Diwan | G.Lo Bianco

- 14.30 Duetto: E. Amorizzo | S. Li
Moderator: L. Manfrè
Guiding Precision: Choosing Wisely Between Ultrasound and Fluoroscopy for Optimal Outcomes in Pain Procedures
- 14.50 PILD and Open Decompression for the Treatment of Lumbar Spinal Stenosis: 2-Year Outcomes | P. Staats
- 15.10 Special Intervention for Cancer Pain: Advanced Techniques | M. Day
- 15.30 Charting Excellence: The Top 10 Pain Medicine Articles of 2023 | A. Abd-Elseyed
- 15.50 Discussion - Q&A
- 16.00 Coffee Break



16.15 10 mins Sponsored Symposium – XXX sponsored

SESSION X Headache and Facial pain

Chairs: M. Day | V. Raieli | M. Romano

16.25 Common Primary Headaches: Diagnosis and Classification | F. Brighina

16.45 Cervicogenic Headaches: Diagnosis and Treatment | E. Piraccini

17.05 Interventional Treatment of Facial Pain | C. Costa

17.25 Stereotactic And Functional Neurosurgery for Facial Pain | G. Tringali

17.45 Facial Pain Unmasked: Insights into Post-Herpetic Neuralgia and Innovative Treatment Approaches | S. Tamburin

18.00 Discussion - Q&A

18.15 Networking Aperitivo



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