

CANCER PAIN MANAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM

# Best Practices and Breakthroughs

November 1, 2025 | Virtual Seminar

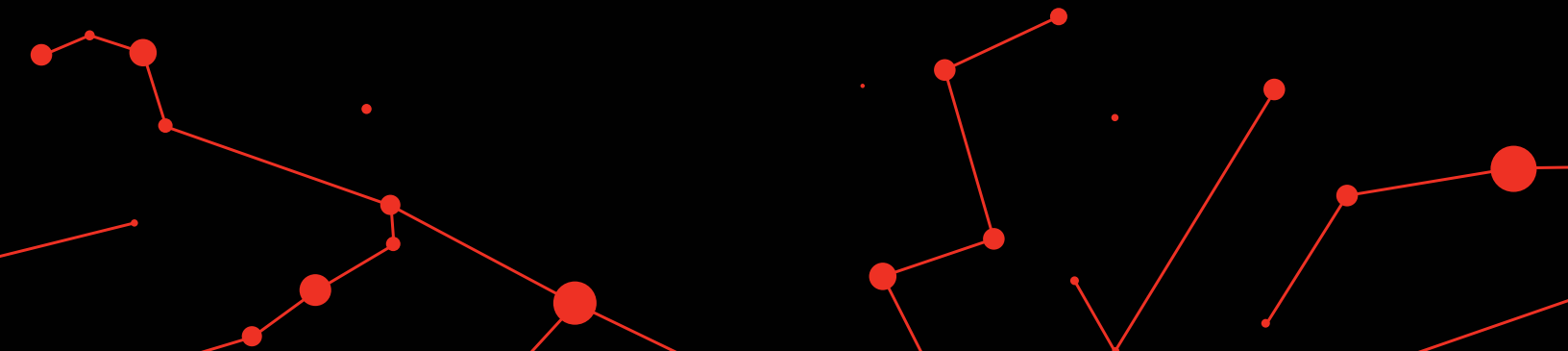


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## Description

This activity will advance the understanding and management of cancer-related pain through the dissemination of the latest clinical research, emerging therapies and evidence-based best practices globally.

The goal is to bring together health care professionals, researchers and thought leaders around the world to foster collaboration, innovation and education.

By focusing on personalized, multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches to pain management, we aim to improve the quality of life for cancer patients and provide professionals with the tools to offer compassionate, effective care that addresses both the physical and emotional aspects of cancer pain.

## Target Audience

Physician (MD or DO)

Nurse – RN, Student or Trainee

Nurse – LVN

Nurse – APRN

## Learning Objectives

- 1 Implement and integrate the shared content into local communities, institutions and patient populations.
- 2 Promote personalized, multidisciplinary approaches to pain management that address both physical and emotional aspects of cancer pain.
- 3 Improve the quality of life for cancer patients by equipping professionals with evidence-based tools and strategies for pain management.
- 4 Foster collaboration and innovation by bringing together health care professionals, researchers and thought leaders to share insights and best practices.
- 5 Disseminate the latest clinical research and emerging therapies in cancer-related pain management to health care professionals globally.

## Accreditations

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## A Virtual Live Streaming Course

The Cancer Pain Management Symposium will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025, and will adjourn at 3:35 p.m. **You will receive instructions for the virtual program via email 3-5 days prior to the conference.** The only requirement for online training is that you must have a laptop/desktop computer, webcam and access to a stable internet connection.

## Agenda

<i>Time</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
8:00-8:05 a.m.	Welcome	Saba Javed, MD and Salahadin Abdi, MD
8:05-8:25 a.m.	Pathophysiology of Cancer Pain: Mechanisms and Implications for Treatment	Amitabh Gulati, MD
8:25-8:45 a.m.	Acupuncture, Massage, and Mindfulness: Evidence-Based Approaches	Jee Youn Moon, MD
8:45-9:05 a.m.	Opioids, Non-Opioids and Adjuncts: Choosing the Right Pharmacological Approach	Grant Chen, MD
9:05-9:25 a.m.	Opioid Stewardship: When Is It Appropriate to De-Prescribe	Joseph Arthur, MD
9:25-9:45 a.m.	Updates and Evidence on Ketamine for Chronic Pain and Psychiatric Indications	Steve Cohen, MD
9:45-10:05 a.m.	Translational Pain Service: Navigating High-Risk Patients Through the Perioperative Journey	Lakshmi Koyyalagunta, MD
10:05-10:25 a.m.	Bridging the Gap: Reducing Inequality in Cancer Pain Care Worldwide	Sushma Bhatnagar, MD
<b>10:25-10:35 a.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>	

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10:35-10:55 a.m.	Head and Neck Cancer Pain: Optimizing Control Through Regional Anesthesia Techniques	David Copenhaver, MD
10:55-11:15 a.m.	Targeting the Sympathetic Nervous System: Emerging Approaches to Visceral Cancer Pain	Oscar de Leon-Casasola, MD
11:15-11:35 a.m.	Percutaneous Osteoplasty	Kyung-Hoon Kim, MD
11:35-11:55 a.m.	Advancements in Spinal Cord Stimulation and Peripheral Nerve Stimulation	Saba Javed, MD
11:55 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Intrathecal Pumps: Targeted Drug Delivery for Refractory Cancer Pain	Sanjeet Narang, MD
12:15-12:35 p.m.	Minimally Invasive Solutions for Osseous Cancer Pain: Radiofrequency Ablation and Cementoplasty	Ricardo Plancarte Sánchez, MD
12:35-12:55 p.m.	The Emerging Role of Scrambler Therapy for Cancer Pain	Salahadin Abdi, MD
<b>12:55-1:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>	
1:15-1:35 p.m.	Ethical Considerations in Patients with Cancer Pain	Larry Driver, MD
1:35-1:55 p.m.	Integrating Palliative Care in Cancer Pain Management or End-of-Life Pain: Multidisciplinary Interventions for Comfort and Dignity	Eduardo Bruera, MD
1:55-2:25 p.m.	Role of Methadone for Cancer Pain	Billy K. Huh, MD, PhD
2:25-2:45 p.m.	The Future of Cancer Pain Management: Promising Research and Innovations or Innovations in Cancer Pain Research: From Bench to Bedside	Patrick Dougherty, MD
<b>2:45-2:55 p.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>	
2:55-3:35 p.m.	Keynote: Oncologist's Perspective on the Advances in Immunotherapy and the Pain-Related Side Effects	Kris Vissers, MD
3:35-3:40 p.m.	Adjourn	Saba Javed, MD

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