15th Annual Pain Medicine Meeting
November 17-19, 2016
Hilton San Diego Bayfront, San Diego, CA

Abstract Deadline: September 7, 2016
Early-bird Registration Deadline: September 30, 2016

PAs & NPs: Register by July 29th receive a FREE “Ask the Experts Interactive Session”

Register at www.asra.com
Join Us in San Diego!

I would personally like to invite you to the 15th Annual Pain Medicine Meeting in sunny San Diego, overlooking the beautiful bay. It’s an exciting time for ASRA and pain medicine physicians as we continue to grow and adapt to the ever-changing health care world. These changes bring challenges for our members, and our goal for this meeting is to provide information and insight that may help you navigate these waters.

This year’s program offers many avenues to interact with experts in the field with topics ranging from Regenerative Medicine to the new CDC Guidelines for Opioid Prescriptions, as well as the impact of the Affordable Care Act on documentation, coding, and compliance and how to measure your pain data outcomes. Experts will discuss treatment of headaches, including migraines; the benefits and concerns of cannabis therapy; complications in pain medicine; and alternative medicine and its application for spinal and non-spinal conditions. Hands-on workshops feature ultrasound and fluoroscopy as well as highly technical procedures such as vertebral augmentation and minimally invasive lumbar decompression.

We understand and appreciate the importance of non-physician providers in our busy health care system and continue to be excited to include PAs and NPs in the program as well as again offering one complimentary Ask the Expert Interactive Session for those who register by July 29th.

Our commitment to Residents and Fellows radiates as we offer not only relevant clinical information in the general sessions and workshops, but information from leading clinical and legal experts on how to transition from academia to practice.

Don’t miss the Saturday award luncheon, featuring this year’s John J. Bonica Award Lecturer Honorio Benzon, MD, as well as what promises to be another night to remember: the Saturday Fiesta on the Bay.

The outstanding scientific program and networking opportunities will make this meeting a unique and informative experience. We must remain adaptable, motivated, and responsive to change and challenges! Pain management is an exciting area in which to work, and meeting and bringing inspired people together in forums like this ensure we remain at the cutting edge.

—Ricardo Vallejo, MD, PhD
Chair, Scientific/Education Planning Committee

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Your Comprehensive Meeting Registration Includes . . .

• Three days of refresher/parallel sessions
• ePosters and moderated sessions
• Exhibit hall access with company booths, ASRA chat room, Internet café
• Daily hot breakfasts and morning and afternoon snack breaks
• Wine and Bubbly Networking Reception on Thursday evening
• Reduced pricing to the Saturday celebration and ASRA awards luncheon
• Meeting materials and presentations
The Content You’re Looking For

• Basic science and novel analgesics
• Headaches and migraines for the pain physician
• Cannabinoids for pain: Science, politics, and clinical applications
• PORS, MIPS, MACRA: How to avoid losing reimbursement fees
• Regenerative medicine
• Neuromodulation (stimulation)
• Alternative medicine
• Opioid management
• Reducing surgery rates
• Practice management course within the program

Learning Objectives

After participating in this educational activity, participants should be able to:

• Review current basic science, clinical, and translational research in pain medicine and their role in the development of novel analgesics, new targets for interventional techniques, and applicability to clinical practice.
• Develop a critical interpretation of current research on mechanisms underlying challenging pain syndromes in order to offer patients the best evidence-based therapies.
• Assess the advantages and limitations of the available diagnostic and treatment techniques.
• Address common clinical challenges in the management of acute and chronic pain, including those encountered in special populations.
• Establish safe and appropriate opioid prescription guidelines in the current epidemic environment of opioid abuse.
• Evaluate and debate new trends, techniques, therapies, and diagnostic procedures in pain management.
• Discuss the value of alternative therapies in the management of neuropathic pain syndromes.
• Discuss the most important practice management issues.
• Evaluate the impact to professional reimbursement and changes proposed by the CMS with the Medicare Access & CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA), Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS), and the Alternative Payment Models (APMs); develop strategies for complying with these new mandates.
• Appreciate the value of collaboration between pain medicine physicians and other providers in a care team model.
• Improve the quality of life for patients suffering from acute or chronic pain.
• Assemble a valuable network of colleagues active in the field of pain medicine.
• Claim ABA MOCA patient safety CME credit.

Accreditation and credit designation statements

The American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 24.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Customize Your Education With Workshops, PBLDs, More

• Pain Medicine and MSK Ultrasound full-day workshop [WS-01]
• Fusion: Ultrasound and Fluoroscopy workshops:
  • Blocks for Hip and Knee (WS-08), including radiofrequency denervation (including cooled RFA)
  • Blocks for Head and Neck (WS-16), including trigeminal, SPG, cervical medial branches, GON/TON, stellate ganglion
  • Soft Tissue Injuries (WS-18), including PRP, hip/knee/shoulder injection and visco-supplementation, trochanteric injection, elbow/wrist, suprascapular nerve pulsed RFA
• Novel SCS Technology and Techniques for Trials (WS-10)
• Minimally Invasive Lumbar Decompression (MILD) [WS-19]
• 11 Ask the Expert Interactive Sessions including Measuring Pain Data Outcomes and How This Influences Reimbursement (IS-02).

Learn From the Best

• Ramsin Benyamin, MD, Millennium Pain Center
• Marc Huntoon, MD, Vanderbilt
• Leonard Kapural, MD, Wake Forest
• Samer Narouze, MD, PhD, Ohio University
• Levon Nazarian, MD, Thomas Jefferson University
• Phillip Peng, MBBS, FRCP, University of Toronto
• David Provenzano, MD, Pain Diagnostics and Interventional Care
• Mark Wallace, MD, University of California, San Diego

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[additional fees apply; see www.asra.com/painmeeting for full list]
REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE!

Early-bird reduced rates end September 30, 2016.
View the full meeting program, registration fees, and other details at: www.asra.com/painmeeting

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Location and Hotel
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Book your room using the ASRA Reservation Center ONLY to obtain our significantly reduced room rates starting at only $249.

Reservations Center: 1.800.445.8667 (mention ASRA/meeting name)

Online reservations: https://aws.passkey.com/g/54371409

Reservations Deadline: October 21, 2016, or until sold out. The hotel will sell out, so book early! After this date, reservations will be accepted on a space and rate available basis only.

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