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# Eastern Pain Association Annual Summit

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**Course Directors:** Clarence Kong, MD and Jason Crowther, MD, PhD

**SUNY Global Center | Saturday, December 5, 2026**

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**Friday, December 4, 2026**

| Time | Location | Activity |
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| **3:00-5:00 PM** | | **Early Exhibitor Set Up Available** |
| **6:00 PM** | **EPA Board of Directors Meeting (to follow dinner) Invitation Only**<br>**Sponsored by TBD**<br>***Not part of the CME program, no CME credit*** | |

**Saturday, December 5, 2026**

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| **8:00 AM** | Multi-Purpose/Global Classroom/Reception Area | **Exhibitor Set Up and Check-In** |
| 8:00 AM | Global Classroom | ***Registration and Welcome***<br>**Lisa Witkin, MD, MS**<br>**President, Eastern Pain Association** |
| **Trainee Case Presentations with Expert Panel: Part 1**<br>**Room Name: Global Classroom**<br>**Introduction of Presenters by: Jason Crowther, MD, PhD**<br>**8:05-9:35AM** | | |
| 8:05–8:10 AM | Global Classroom | ***Introduction to the Session*** |
| 8:10-8:20 AM | Global Classroom | **NYU**<br>**Mentor:** Akshay Bhatt, MD<br>**Trainee:** Tyler Sanchez, MD |
| 8:20-8:30 AM | Global Classroom | **Mass General Brigham**<br>**Mentor:** David Hao, MD<br>**Trainee:** Yash Shah, MD |

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| 8:30-8:40 AM | Global Classroom | **NYU**<br>*Synovial Cysts in the Lumbar Spine*<br>**Mentor:** Michael Flamm, DO<br>**Trainee:** Maanas Chiplunar, DO |
| 8:40-8:50 AM | Global Classroom | **Westchester**<br>**Mentor:** Ammar Siddiqui, MD<br>**Trainee:** Mark Calandra, DO |
| 8:50-9:00AM | Global Classroom | **Yale**<br>**Mentor:** Ruchi Sharma, MD<br>**Trainee:** Nupur Kumar, DO |
| **Pardon the Interruption<br>Room Name: Global Classroom<br>9:10-9:45AM** | | |
| 9:10-9:45AM | Global Classroom | **Pardon the Interruption: Cancer Pain Edition**<br>**Moderator:** David Hao, MD<br>James, Cho, MD, R. Jason Yong, MD, MBA, and Nicole Hayes, MD, MS |
| **9:45-10:15 AM** | **Morning Break with Exhibitors and Poster Viewing<br>Room Name: Multi-Purpose and Reception Area (2nd Floor)<br>**Not part of the CME program, no CME credit*<br>Abstract poster presentations<br><br>Screen 1:<br>Screen 2:<br>Screen 3:<br>Screen 4:** | |
| **Houde Lectureship Award and Presentation<br>Room Name: Global Classroom<br>10:10-11:00 AM** | | |
| 10:10-11:00 AM | Global Classroom | **What a Long Strange Trip…**<br>Judith A. Paice, RN, PhD<br>Introduced by: William Schmidt, PhD |

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| ***The Current Environment in Pain Management***<br>**Room Name: Global Classroom**<br>**10:50-11:50 AM** | | |
| 11:00-11:25 AM | Global Classroom | *Evidence Behind Innovations and Advance Procedure*<br>Moderator: Clarence Kong, MD<br>Panelist: Matthew Kohler, MD, Samuel Brown, DO, FAAPMR, and Eugene Wang, MD |
| 11:25-11:50 AM | Global Classroom | *Women's Health*<br>Moderator: Leena Mathew, MD<br>Panelists: Alopi Patel, MD, Meera Kirpekar, MD and Olga Komargodski, MD |
| **11:50-1:00 PM** | **Multi-Purpose** | **Lunch with Exhibitors**<br>***Not part of the CME program, no CME credit*** |
| **Bonica Award and Presentation**<br>**Room Name: Global Classroom**<br>**1:00-1:50 PM** | | |
| 1:00-1:50 PM | Global Classroom | **HIFU for pain**<br>Presented by: Leonardo Kapural, MD, PhD<br>Introduced by: Neel Mehta, MD |
| **Trainee Case Presentations with Expert Panel: Part 2**<br>**Room Name: Global Classroom**<br>**1:45-3:00 PM**<br>**Introduction of Presenters by Chun Maung** | | |
| 1:50-1:55 PM | Global Classroom | ***Introduction to the Session*** |
| 1:55-2:05 PM | Global Classroom | **UMass**<br>**Mentor:** Jason Crowther, MD, PhD<br>**Trainee:** Joey Fares, DO |
| 2:05-2:15 PM | Global Classroom | **Cornell**<br>*MILD Procedure for Lumbar Spinal Stenosis in an 87-Year-Old Female with Multiple Comorbidities: A Case Report* |

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| | | **Mentor:** Philip Petrou, MD<br>**Trainee:** Joey Fares, DO |
| 2:15-2:25 PM | Global Classroom | **Columbia**<br>*Peripheral Nerve Stimulation for the Brachial Plexus - the right approach*<br>**Mentor:** M. Husain Bawany, MD<br>**Trainee:** Erin Solis, MD |
| 2:25-2:35 PM | Global Classroom | **Mass General Brigham**<br>**Mentor:** David Hao, MD<br>**Trainee:** Oranicha Jumreornvong |
| 2:35-2:45 PM | Global Classroom | **Mount Sinai**<br>**Mentor:** Jung Kim, MD<br>**Trainee:** Aliza Perez, DO |
| 2:45-2:55 PM | Global Classroom | **Stony Brook**<br>*Superolateral approach to extra-pedicular basivertebral nerve ablation around pedicle screws*<br>**Mentor:** William Caldwell, DO and Amit Kaushal, MD<br>**Trainee:** Jonathan Paris, MD |
| **2:55-3:30 PM** | **Afternoon break with Exhibitors (Multi-Purpose Room) and Poster Viewing (2nd Floor) Multi-Purpose and Reception Area**<br>***Not part of the CME program, no CME credit***<br>**Abstract poster presentations**<br>**Screen 1:**<br>**Screen 2:**<br>**Screen 3:**<br>**Screen 4:** | |
| 3:30-3:40 PM | Global Classroom | Business Meeting - Lisa Witkin, MD<br>Election Results<br>Presented by: Head of Election Committee |
| **Research and Innovation**<br>**Room Name: Global Classroom**<br>**Moderators: William Schmidt, PhD and Charles Inturrisi, PhD**<br>***Not part of the CME program, no CME credit*** | | |

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| 3:40-3:55 PM | Global Classroom | ***MPC-06-ID mesoblasts (intra-discal injection for discogenic pain)***<br>Presented by: Harman Chopra, MD |
| 3:55-4:10PM | Global Classroom | ***Mavatrep TRPV1 receptor antagonist (oral chronic pain medication)***<br>Presented by: Justin Langro, DO |
| 4:10-4:25 PM | Global Classroom | ***Latigo LTG-001 NaV1.8 inhibitor (oral acute pain medication)***<br>Presented by: Roshni Sethi, DO |
| 4:25-4:40 PM | Global Classroom | ***Ambros Neridronate bisphosphonate (IV medication for CRPS)***<br>Presented by: Jay Hyun "Jenny" Seo, MD |
| 4:40-4:55 PM | Global Classroom | Extended Reality and Pain Medicine: Education, Clinical Care and Beyond!<br>Presented by: Rohan Jotwani, MD |
| **Conclusion**<br>**Room Name: Global Classroom**<br>**4:55-5:10 PM**<br>***Not part of the CME program, no CME credit** | | |
| 4:55-5:05 PM | Global Classroom | Awards |
| 5:05-5:10 PM | Global Classroom | Closing Remarks<br>Daniel Pak, MD<br>*Weill Cornell Medicine* |