

THE INTRATHECAL CONFERENCE



Intrathecal Therapy Re-imagined

Presenting: “iT” the Intrathecal Conference “Intrathecal Therapy Reimagined”

Date: May 1-3, 2026

Location: Hilton Columbus at Easton, Columbus, OH

“iT” Course Directors: Gladstone McDowell, MD, II and Michael Saulino, MD, PhD

Friday, May 1, 2026			
Time	Location	Topic	Faculty
5:00-6:30 pm		Welcome Reception and Networking Event *Sponsorship Available	
5:00-6:30 pm		<i>Early Registration and Exhibitor Set Up</i>	

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Saturday, May 2, 2026			
Time	Location	Topic	Faculty
8:00-8:05 am		Welcome to “iT” Intrathecal Therapy Reimagined!	Course Directors: Gladstone McDowell, MD, II and Michael Saulino, MD, PhD
8:05-8:25 am		Why Intrathecal Therapy? A Historical Perspective on How We Got Here	Peter Staats, MD, MBA
		Core Science & Mechanisms	Moderator:
8:25-8:45 am		How Intrathecal Therapy Works for Pain and Spasticity	Michael Saulino, MD, PhD
8:45-9:05 am		Intrathecal Pump and Catheter Technology: Current State and Future Directions	Gladstone McDowell, MD, II
9:05-9:15 am		Q & A	
		Patient Selection & Pre-Operative Considerations	Moderator:
9:15-9:45 am		Break w/ Exhibits (2) Product Theaters available <i>*not part of the CME program, no CME credit available</i>	
9:45-10:05 am		Training Required to Perform Intrathecal Therapy	
10:05-10:25 am		Who is the Right Patient and when is the Right Time? Cancer, Non-Cancer and Intractable Spasticity	Brian Bruel, MD
10:25-10:45 am		Behavioral Medicine Clearance: Psychological Screening and Optimization	
10:45-11:05 am		Pre-Operative Medical Evaluation: Comorbidities and Risk Factors	
11:05-11:25 am		Pre-Operative Surgical Evaluation: Technical Risks and Planning	Eric Grigsby, MD, MBA
11:25-11:35 am		Q&A	All Faculty
11:35-12:35 pm		Lunch Symposium Sponsorship Available <i>*not part of the CME program, no CME credit available</i>	
		Topic:	Moderator:
12:35-12:55 pm			

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2:55-3:25 pm		Break w/ Exhibits (2) Product Theaters available <i>*not part of the CME program, no CME credit available</i>	
3:25-3:55 pm		Saving Lives and Pain Management - Where Intrathecal Therapy Fits in this Paradigm	Paul Lynch, MD
3:55-4:15 pm		The Evolution and Current Revisions to the Polyanalgesic Consensus (PACC)	
4:15-4:45 pm		Wrap Up and Discussion on the Future in IT Therapy	Gladstone McDowell, MD, II
		Session Close	
6:30-8:00 pm		Evening Event sponsorship available <i>*not part of the CME program, no CME credit available</i>	

*****Exhibitors are welcome to break down after the Afternoon break**

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Sunday, May 3rd, 2026			
Time	Location	Topic	Faculty
9:00-9:15 am		Welcome to “iT” Intrathecal Therapy Reimagined! Deep Dive Round Table Discussion Sessions	Course Directors: Gladstone McDowell, MD, II and Michael Saulino, MD, PhD
9:15-9:45 am		Rotation One Table Options: iT Dose and Drug Changes iT Troubleshooting iT for Pain and Spasticity Reimbursement Challenges Cancer Pain Considerations	
9:45-10:15 am		Rotation Two Table Options: iT Dose and Drug Changes iT Troubleshooting iT for Pain and Spasticity Reimbursement Challenges Cancer Pain Considerations	
10:15-10:45 am		Rotation Three Table Options: iT Dose and Drug Changes iT Troubleshooting iT for Pain and Spasticity Reimbursement Challenges Cancer Pain Considerations	
10:45-11:00 am		Wrap Up	