



FeTNA 39th Tamil Convention 2026 CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

*Advancing Clinical Excellence
Across the Continuum of Care*

Date: July 3, 2026 | Time: 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
**Venue: New Jersey Exposition & Convention Center,
Edison, New Jersey**

About the Conference

The FeTNA 2026 Continuing Medical Education Conference is designed to provide practical knowledge and actionable insights that physicians and healthcare professionals can immediately apply in clinical practice.

Target Audience:

Physicians, Surgeons, Residents, Fellows, Advanced Practice Providers, Nurses, Healthcare Administrators, Researchers, and Medical Students.

Learning Objectives

At the completion of this activity, participants will be able to:

- Evaluate emerging applications of artificial intelligence in clinical practice.
- Apply evidence-based approaches to the management of cirrhosis and metabolic dysfunction-associated steatohepatitis (MASH).
- Identify cardiovascular risk factors and prevention strategies unique to South Asian populations.
- Assess advances in precision diagnostics and pathology.
- Review innovations in interventional pulmonology and procedural medicine.
- Incorporate current hypertension management recommendations into clinical practice.
- Examine the physician's role in advocacy, ethics, and healthcare policy.
- Discuss emerging therapies and paradigm shifts in chronic kidney disease management.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Registration and Networking @ 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Welcome Note @ 8:30 AM – 8:35 AM

CME Chair



**DR. SARAVANAN RAMALINGAM,
MS, DNB, MD, MRCS, FACS**

Associate Director, Surgical ICU
Trauma Surgeon, Good Samaritan University Hospital, NY
Adjunct Professor of Surgery,
NYIT College of Osteopathic Medicine, NY

Opening Remarks @ 8:35 AM – 8:40 AM



Scientific Director

**DR. SUJANTHY RAJARAM,
MD, MPH, FCCM, FACP, FAASM**

Professor of Medicine, Critical Care & Sleep Medicine,
Bayonne University Hospital, NJ

KEYNOTE ADDRESS 8:40 AM – 9:25 AM

**Evolution of Global Surgery:
Lessons Learned and a Look Toward the Future**



DR. MAYUR NARAYAN,

MD, MPH, MBA, MHPE, FACS, FCCM, FICS, FACT, FAIM, FSIS, FASE, MAMSE

Professor of Surgery

Chief, Division of Acute Care Surgery & Trauma Medical Director

Director, Project AiCESS

[Artificial Intelligence for Comprehensive Care, Equity and Sustainability in Surgery]

Executive Director, Rutgers Acute Care Surgery Research Lab [RASR]

— RWJ Barnabas Health System, NJ

SESSION 1: 9:25 AM – 10:10 AM

Making Sense of Health AI: A Clinician's Guide to Hype, Reality, and RealWorld Value



DR. SENTHIL NACHIMUTHU, MD, PHD, FAMIA
Research Assistant Professor,
Dept of Internal Medicine, Div of Epidemiology,
Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine,
University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

BREAK 10:10 AM – 10:15 AM

SESSION 2: 10:15 AM – 11:00 AM

Recent Advances in the Management of Hypertension



DR. JAFFAR RAZA, MD, FACC, FSCAI
Founder & CEO, Precision Heart and
Vascular Institute,
Attending Physician, Holy Name Medical Center, NJ

SESSION 3: 11:00 AM – 11:45 AM

Managing Cirrhosis in the Inpatient Setting & Practical Approaches to MASH



DR. SARASWATHI LAKKASANI, MD
Consultant Gastroenterologist,
Robert Wood Johnson Barnabas Health, NJ

SESSION 4: 11:45 AM – 12:30 PM

The Future of Medicine: How Artificial Intelligence is Transforming Healthcare: Perspectives from Pathology, Clinical Informatics, and Healthcare Leadership



DR. DEEPTHI RAO, MD, MS, FCAP, FASCP, DABPM-CI
Chief, Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Service,
VA Connecticut Healthcare System,
Vice Chair, Laboratory Medicine, Yale School of Medicine,
Associate Professor of Pathology, Yale School of Medicine, CT

Lunch & Sponsor Presentations 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

Session 5 1:30 PM – 2:15 PM

**Innovations in
Interventional Pulmonology**



DR. PRARTHANA CHANDAR, MD
Director- Interventional Pulmonology
Fellowship Director of Procedures
Thomas Jefferson University, PA

SESSION 6 2:15 PM – 3:00 PM

**South Asian Cardiovascular Risk:
Early Identification, Prevention, and Management**



DR. PRASHANTH PALVANNAN, MD, MPH
Assistant Professor in the Department of Vascular Surgery,
Tufts Medical Center, Boston, MA

SESSION 7 3:00 PM – 3:45 PM

**When the Doctor Gets Political: Navigating Advocacy,
Ethics, and Professional Responsibility**



DR. DAVID OXMAN, MD, FACP
Associate Professor of Medicine
Jane & Leonard Korman Respiratory Institute
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital &
Sidney Kimmel Medical College, PA

SESSION 8 3:45 PM – 4:30 PM

**Paradigm Shifts in Chronic Kidney Disease:
Emerging Therapies to Slow Progression and
Improve Outcomes**



DR. VIJAYAKUMAR PARAMASIVAM, MD
Transplant Nephrologist, Baystate Health, MA
Medical Director, Innovative Renal Care, Springfield, MA

Educational Pearls and Closing Remarks

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

**DR. RENGARAJAN JANAKIRAMAN,
DR. SARAVANAN RAMALINGAM &
DR. SUJANTHY RAJARAM**

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