



**2025 SDAPA SUMMER/FALL
CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION
CONFERENCE**

**HILTON GARDEN INN—SOUTH
SIOUX FALLS, SD
SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2025**

LECTURES AND DISPLAY AREA

*Speaker Handouts available online at
www.SDAPA.net at speakers' discretion*

Thursday, September 11th

6:45 AM	- 7:30 AM	Breakfast & Exhibitors		
7:30 AM	- 8:30 AM	Heart Failure	Orvar Jonsson, MD, FACC	North Central Heart/Avera Heart Hospital, Cardiology
				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understanding etiology of heart failure. 2. Guideline based medical management of heart failure. 3. Overview of devices for treatment of advanced heart failure.
8:30 AM	- 9:30 AM	Lower Extremity Peripheral Vascular and Venous Disease	Frank Vandy, MD	Sanford Vascular Associates
				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understanding differential diagnosis and potential treatments. 2. Identify proper patient selection for selected treatments. 3. When to refer patients with vascular health concerns.
9:30 AM	- 10:00 AM	Break & Exhibitors		
10:00 AM	- 11:00 AM	The Scope of Neurointerventional Practice	Karan Topiwala, MD	Sanford Neurology Clinic
				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand the scope of Neurointerventional practice. 2. Identify appropriate patient selection for treatment. 3. Connecting with the Neurointerventional team.
11:00 AM	- 12:00 AM	The Future of AI in Healthcare	Mark List, MD	Avera Family Medicine Physician
				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learn how AI is likely to impact future healthcare operations. 2. Understand major drawbacks of AI in healthcare situations. 3. Learn about proper and improper use of AI.
12:00 PM	- 1:00 PM	Sponsored Lunch	Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine	
1:00 PM	- 2:00 PM	To Be Well: Finding Balance Through Self-Care	Marla Dziejczic	Avera Health, Light Program Manager
				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explore the important benefits of self-care and the challenges that get in our way. 2. Discover how our emotions impact our resiliency and well-being. 3. Develop self-care strategies and practices to find balance and enhance our well-being.
2:00 PM	- 3:00 PM	Integrated Approaches to Chronic Disease: Empowering PAs with Nutrition and Care Strategies	Morgan Willard, RD	Avera Health, Clinical Registered Dietitian
				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review nutrition and lifestyle pillars pivotal to the prevention and management of common chronic diseases. 2. Identify the most impactful nutrition changes a person can make to optimize their overall health. 3. Highlight practical tools for clinical integration and to facilitate positive changes in patients.
3:00 PM	- 3:30 PM	Break & Exhibitors		
3:30 PM	- 4:30 PM	The Basic of Bariatrics	Morgan Stoffel PA-C	Sanford Surgical Associates Sioux Falls, SD
				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand and explain the indications and qualifications for bariatric surgery. 2. Understand the different types of bariatric surgery. 3. Understand how to treat a bariatric patient the primary care setting and when to refer back to the bariatric surgical team.

4:30 PM	- 5:30 PM	Mental Health, Substance Use Legal Routes for Care	Jeremy Tamisiea, CNP	Behavioral Health Urgent Care, Avera Behavioral Health, Qualified Menatal health Provider
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand the link between substance use and Mental Health. 2. Overview of physiology of substance use with overview of withdrawal management. 3. Basic overview of Mental Health Holds, Emergency Detainers and Involuntary Committals. 		
6:00 PM	- 8:00 PM	SDAPA Social Event		Remedy Brewing Company 401 E 8th St Ste 120 Sioux Falls, SD

Friday, September 12th

6:45 AM	- 7:30 AM	Breakfast & Exhibitors		
7:30 AM	- 8:30 AM	Pelvic Congestion Syndrome: Understanding Pelvic Venous Disorders	Thekla Bacharach, MD	Sanford Vascular Associates
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understanding pelvic venous disorder often called pelvic congestion syndrome and how to make the diagnosis. 2. Classification of Pelvic venous disorder /pelvic congestion disorder. 3. Contemporary management pf pelvic venous disorder/pelvic congestion syndrome. 		
8:30 AM	- 9:30 AM	Legislative Change Update	Margaret Hansen	SD Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners, Executive Director
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recognize requirements that become law on July 1st for Physician Assistants practicing medicine in SD. 2. Develop methods to keep licensure in good standing. 3. Demonstrate effective communication with the licensing Board. 		
10:00 AM	- 11:00 AM	Atypical presentation of Stroke	Ahmed Abd Elazim, MD	Sanford Health Vascular Neurology, Vascular Neurology Specialist
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Diagnostic Workup. 2. Management of Acute Stroke. 3. Prevention Strategies. 		
11:00 AM	- 12:00 PM	Measles: An Epidemic in the Making	Peter Paul Lim, MD	Avera Health, Pediatric Infectious Disease
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase awareness that measles is one of the most contagious viruses causing present outbreaks in the United States that requires everyone's cooperation to curb the spread of. 2. Describe the clinical presentation of measles. 3. Describe core isolation measures for measles in different clinical settings. 		
12:00 PM	- 1:00 PM	Membership Lunch		

1:00 PM	- 2:00 PM	Wound Care	Nicole Westra, CNP Rachel Wolkow CNP	Avera Wound Clinic Sioux Falls Avera Medical Group Outpatient Wound Care
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Types of wounds. 2. Treatment modalities. 3. Referral process. 		
2:00 PM	- 3:00 PM	Practical Dementia	Joseph Rees, DO	Avera Health Internal Medicine Physician
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learn and explain how to diagnosis dementia. 2. Learn and explain the options for treatment of dementia. 3. Learn and explain how to help caregivers of patients with dementia. 		
3:00 PM	- 3:30 PM	Break & Exhibitors		
3:30 PM	- 4:30 PM	Continuous Glucose Monitoring - Updates and	Austen Fagerland, PA-C	Avera Health Endocrinology
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learn how to easily obtain CGM reports for the clinic appointment. 2. Learn proper interpretation of the reports, including sources of error. 3. Learn how to properly bill CGM interpretation. 		
4:30 PM	- 5:30 PM	The Musculoskeletal Exam: Rheumatology Version 101	Kara Peterson, MD	Avera Health, Rheumatology
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review common inflammatory and non-inflammatory musculoskeletal exam findings. 2. Appreciate that "History & Physical" are inseparable components. Exam findings are sometimes interpreted through patient history. 3. When to refer to a rheumatologist. 		

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