

The 4th Vet Pain meeting will be held in San Diego (July 27-30, 2016).

**Sponsors:** Department of Anesthesiology, UC San Diego, International Veterinary Association for Pain Management , American College of Veterinary Anesthesia and Analgesia

**Program:** A lecture / case-based discussion program has been developed focusing on:

- 1. Epidemiology of pain in veterinary practice
- 2. Legal and ethical imperatives for pain management in veterinary patients
- 3. Pain pathways and targets for novel therapeutics
- 4. Companion animal clinical analgesic trial models
- 5. Current veterinary analgesic drugs including NSAIDs, alpha 2, opioids, cannabinoids, stem cells and local anesthetics
- 6. Case based studies on current development of new veterinary analysics.
- 7. Regulatory pathways for development of new/novel veterinary analgesics

This will be a very high level meeting with significant content relevant to basic issues related to pain in the veterinary patient and development of novel therapeutics. In each case, the 17 speakers will present a detailed and critical review of the approaches employed to evaluate drug action, efficacy and target engagement.

**Targeted audience**: Clinical and basic researchers interested in current thinking regarding pain processing and behavioral pain assessment; pharmaceutical personnel who are interested in developing analgesics for humans and particular for the strategies to focus on development of drugs approved for veterinary pain management

Speakers from the US FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine will lecture on processes and regulatory requirements for development and use of analgesic therapies in "small" and "large" animals.

**Accreditation:** The American Association of Veterinary State Boards RACE committee has reviewed and approved the Veterinary Pain Short Course for 15 Credit Hours having met the standards adopted by the AAVSB.

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**Information and registration:** https://cme.ucsd.edu/vetpain/

Look to seeing you in July.

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