

Mayo Clinic Multidisciplinary Opioid Conference: A United Front
JW Marriott Tucson, AZ
October 1-3, 2026

Thursday, October 1, 2026	
6:30 a.m.	<i>Registration and Breakfast</i>
7:30 a.m.	Welcome and Course Overview <i>Dare O. Olatoye, M.D., Benjamin Lai, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., and Julie L. Cunningham, Pharm.D., R.Ph.</i>
7:40 a.m.	Current State: Updates, Recommendations, and Challenges <i>Benjamin Lai, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.</i>
8:40 a.m.	Clinical Pearls for Opioid Prescribing <i>Halena Gazelka, M.D.</i>
9:20 a.m.	Demystifying Methadone: Patient Selection, Initiation, Monitoring, and Discontinuation <i>Dan K. Partain, M.D.</i>
10:00 a.m.	<i>Refreshment Break</i>
10:15 a.m.	Acute Pain Management for the Patient on Chronic Opioids <i>Dare O. Olatoye, M.D.</i>
10:55 a.m.	Buprenorphine: Use in Pain Management and Opioid Use Disorder <i>Mark E. Deyo-Svensen, M.D.</i>
11:35 a.m.	Combining Opioids, Benzodiazepines and Other CNS Depressants <i>Nathan T. Smith, Pharm.D., R.Ph., BCPS</i>
12:15 p.m.	<i>Adjourn</i>

Friday, October 2, 2026	
6:30 a.m.	<i>Breakfast</i>
7:25 a.m.	Welcome <i>Dare O. Olatoye, M.D., Benjamin Lai, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., and Julie L. Cunningham, Pharm.D., R.Ph.</i>
7:30 a.m.	Biopsychosocial Spiritual Model of Chronic Pain & OUD. <i>Holly Geyer, M.D.</i>
8:10 a.m.	Managing Challenges: Behaviors and Conversations <i>Wesley P. Gilliam, Ph.D., L.P.</i>
8:50 a.m.	Interventional Alternatives for Pain Management <i>Christopher S. Wie, M.D.</i>
9:30 a.m.	Novel approach to OUD treatment: Harm reduction, ED initiated protocols, and Transitions of Care <i>Aaron Klassen, M.D., Michael Juntunen, MSOL, CP</i>
10:10 a.m.	<i>Refreshment Break</i>
10:25 a.m.	Tapering Opioids <i>Julie L. Cunningham, Pharm.D., R.Ph.</i>
11:05 a.m.	Red Flags and Remedies: Drug Diversion Prevention for Prescribers <i>Alissa M. Voils, Pharm.D, M.H.A.</i>
11:45 a.m.	Nonopioid Adjuvants <i>James C. Watson, M.D.</i>
12:25 p.m.	<i>Adjourn</i>

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Saturday, October 3, 2026	
6:30 a.m.	<i>Breakfast</i>
7:25 a.m.	Welcome <i>Dare O. Olatoye, M.D., Benjamin Lai, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., and Julie L. Cunningham, Pharm.D., R.Ph.</i>
7:30 a.m.	Urine Drug Testing and Patient Cases <i>Loralie J. Langman, Ph.D., Benjamin Lai, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.</i>
8:10 a.m.	Using Opioids in Older Adults <i>Daniel E. Sanchez Pellecer, M.D.</i>
8:50 a.m.	Opioid Side Effects and Management
9:30 a.m.	Doctor, My Belly Hurts, and Everything Hurts! What to do with Central Sensitization <i>Jean C. Fox, M.D.</i>
10:10 a.m.	<i>Refreshment Break</i>
Challenging Cases	
10:25 a.m.	When is it chronic pain and when is it OUD? <i>Glenn R. Kauppila, D.O.</i>
10:50 a.m.	Alcohol and Opioid Use Disorders: What to Do? <i>Robert W. Kirchoff, M.D., M.S.</i>
11:15 a.m.	The Role of the Nurse and Support Staff in Opioid Management <i>Kim A. Bremseth, M.S.N, R.N.</i>
11:35 a.m.	Covering challenging case for colleague <i>Tina Ardon, M.D., FAAFP</i>
12:00 p.m.	Q&A
12:15 p.m.	Closing Remarks
12:20 p.m.	<i>Adjourn</i>