

CSF Leak Symposium

A Collaborative Effort Between the Departments of
Neuroradiology, Neurology, and Neurosurgery

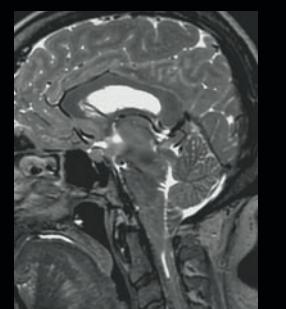
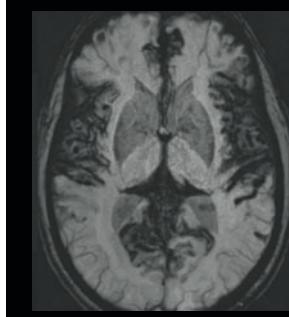


FRIDAY

March 20, 2026

UCSF Mission Bay Campus
Oberndorf Auditorium,
Adult Hospital
San Francisco, CA

UCSF Department of Radiology
and Biomedical Imaging



OVERVIEW

Spinal cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) leaks are an underrecognized but treatable cause of debilitating headaches and neurologic symptoms. This comprehensive, full-day CME course, sponsored by the University of California, San Francisco, is designed for physicians seeking to improve their understanding and management of spinal CSF leaks and spontaneous intracranial hypotension (SIH).

Through a series of expert-led lectures, interactive panels, and case-based discussions, attendees will gain insights into the clinical presentation of SIH, advanced imaging strategies including decubitus CT myelography and digital subtraction myelography, and evolving treatment approaches such as targeted patching, surgical repair, and embolization of CSF-venous fistulas.

Special sessions will explore complex scenarios, including pediatric presentations and skull base leak differentiation. This course equips clinicians with the tools needed to confidently diagnose and treat these challenging but rewarding cases.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- 1. Recognize the spectrum of clinical presentations** of spontaneous intracranial hypotension, including both typical and atypical features, and differentiate them from common mimics.
- 2. Interpret advanced neuroimaging modalities** such as brain and spine MRI, decubitus CT myelography, and digital subtraction myelography to accurately localize spinal CSF leaks.
- 3. Compare treatment strategies** for spinal CSF leaks—including epidural blood/fibrin patching, surgical repair, and endovascular embolization—based on leak type and anatomic considerations.
- 4. Manage special clinical scenarios**, including pediatric leaks, imaging-negative patients, and skull base CSF leaks that may overlap with other etiologies like idiopathic intracranial hypertension.
- 5. Apply practical procedural tips** and expert insights for performing targeted myelography and interpreting subtle imaging clues that may indicate elusive or occult leaks.

JOINT ACCREDITATION STATEMENT



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CSF Leak Symposium

Friday, March 20, 2026

7:30 am *Registration and Breakfast*

8:00 **Welcome & Announcements**

Vinil Shah, MD;
Mark Mamlouk, MD

Session 1: Clinical Perspectives of Spinal Leaks

8:15 **Typical SIH Clinical Presentation**

Rebecca Michael, MD

8:30 **Atypical SIH Clinical Presentation**

Maggie Waung, MD PhD

8:45 **Clinical Mimics of SIH**

Richard Baron, MD

9:00 **Types of Spontaneous Spinal Leaks**

Vinil Shah, MD

9:15 **Postdural Puncture Headache & Risks of the Routine LP: Myths & Tips**

Ian Carroll, MD

9:30 **Panel Q&A**

Nina Riggins, MD PhD;
Xander Gotowski, PA

9:45 *Coffee Break*

Session 2: Imaging Diagnosis of SIH

10:05 **Brain & Spine MR Imaging of SIH**

Bryan Lanzman, MD

10:25 **Decubitus CTM for Spinal Leaks**

William Dillon, MD

10:45 **DSM for Spinal Leaks**

Nicholas Telischak, MD

11:05 **CTM Tips & Tricks for the Elusive Leak**

Mark Mamlouk, MD

11:25 **Panel Q&A**

Kim Seifert, MD MS;
Mike Thomas, MD

11:40 *Lunch (on own)*

Session 3: Treatment of Spinal CSF Leaks

12:30 pm **Patching of CSF leaks and Venous Fistulas**

Vinil Shah, MD

12:50 **Surgical Repair of Dural Tears**

Mark Sedrak, MD

1:10 **Embolization of CSF-Venous Fistulas: Roadmapping the Path to Occlusion**

Matt Amans, MD

1:30 **Treating the Imaging Negative Patient**

Ian Carroll, MD

1:50 **Panel Q&A**

Cynthia Chin, MD;
Justin Remer, MD

2:10 *Coffee Break*

Session 4: SIH Special Scenarios

2:25 **Clinical Presentations of Pediatric Spinal CSF Leaks**

Amy Gelfand, MD

2:45 **Imaging of Pediatric Spinal CSF Leaks**

Mark Mamlouk, MD

3:05 **Skull Base CSF Leaks: SIH or IIH?**

William Dillon, MD

3:25 **Subdural Hematomas in SIH: To Drain or Not**

Ethan Winkler, MD PhD

3:45 **Panel Q&A**

Lee Tan, MD;
Adriana Gutierrez, PA

4:00 **Wine & Cheese Social**

5:30 pm *Adjourn*



GENERAL INFORMATION

Advanced registration closes two (2) business days prior to the start of the course. Onsite registration fees, if applicable, will be applied after this date.

HOW TO ENROLL

Tuition*:

Early Bird By 2/13/26

\$350 Physicians (MD/DO) and Advanced Health Professionals (PA, RN, NP)

Standard Fee After 2/14/26

\$400 Physicians (MD/DO) and Advanced Health Professionals (PA, RN, NP)

* On-site registration will be \$50 additional.

Payment can be made by Visa, MasterCard, AmEx or check.

GREENER MEETING

We're saving paper! The syllabus will be transmitted electronically one week prior to the course.

REGISTER VIA:

Online: radiology.ucsf.edu/cme

Mail: Complete course registration form and send with payment to:

UCSF Radiology CME
513 Parnassus Ave, S257
San Francisco, CA 94143-0628

Phone: To please email Rad-CME@ucsf.edu

Please check our website for up-to-date information on the course:

<https://radiology.ucsf.edu/cme/ucsf-csf-leak-2026-sanfrancisco>

On-Site Registration: Pre-registration is preferred to ensure attendees receive email information prior to the start of the course; however, we are generally able to accommodate on-site registration.

REFUND POLICY

Cancellations received in writing by **Monday, March 16, 2026** will be refunded, less a \$75 administrative fee. No refunds will be made on cancellations received after that date.

UCSF FACULTY

Mark Mamlouk, MD

Course Co-Chair

Associate Professor of Radiology (Volunteer)
Neuroradiologist at Kaiser Medical Center, Santa Clara CA

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Co-Director, Pulsatile Tinnitus Clinic

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CONFERENCE LOCATION

The Oberndorf Auditorium is in the Adult Hospital Section of the UCSF Mission Bay Medical Center, at 4th and 16th Streets. There are four bright green columns in front of the entrance to the Adult Hospital. Further details will be sent the week prior to the course.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Registrants have the option to book at the Hyatt SOMA, which is 2 miles north of the UCSF Adult Hospital at the Mission Bay Campus. If you call the hotel, please state that you are part of the UCSF CPVD meeting that is being held at the Hyatt SOMA, March 19-21. *Note that there are 4 Hyatt hotels in downtown SF.*

Hyatt Regency San Francisco SOMA (South of Market Street)

50 Third Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

Phone: 800-424-8292

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/SFORD/G-UCSF>

Room rate: **\$189/night + tax**

A limited number of rooms have been reserved at this discounted rate. Reserve your room soon to guarantee this discounted rate. Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis or through the cut-off date of **February 25, 2026**.

By staying at the host hotel, you help UCSF meet its contractual obligations and keep registration fees reasonable.

AIR TRANSPORTATION

United Airlines - UCSF has negotiated special fares with United Airlines for our course attendees.

Please visit the TRAVEL AND LODGING section on the course webpage at radiology.ucsf.edu/cme for more information to make online reservations, or use United Promo Code **ZR7T125624**

SYLLABUS

The syllabus will be distributed electronically approximately 1 week prior to the course.

Amy Gelfand, MD

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**Neuro and MSK Imaging on
Big Island Hawaii**
February 15-20, 2026
Fairmont Orchid Resort
Kona, Hawaii

UCSF Radiology CORE Review
April 27 – May 1, 2026
Virtual-Online / Live

Neurovascular Symposium
May 21-23, 2026
UCSF Mission Bay Campus
San Francisco CA

Imaging Update in Croatia
September 21-26, 2026
Le Meridien Lav (Marriott)
Split, Croatia

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Registration/Course Information: (415) 476-5731

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After 2/14/26

\$400

On-site

After 3/20/26

\$450

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Advanced Health Professionals (PA, RN, NP)

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