

# The Southern California Pharmaceutical Discussion Group (SCPDG) Announces our May 12, 2026, Meeting:

## Presentation 1 (15 Min)

### ***Disparities in Utilization of Diabetes Complications-related Preventive Services Among U.S. Adults with Diabetes: Evidence from the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS)***

Presented by  
**Mr. Gerald (Obinna) Ozota**  
Chapman University, Department of Pharmacy

**Abstract:** Diabetes-related complications such as neuropathy, retinopathy, nephropathy, and foot ulcers are largely preventable through the timely delivery of recommended preventive services. Despite established clinical guidelines, evidence suggests that disparities in the utilization of preventive services for diabetes complications persist across sociodemographic groups in the United States.

A cross-sectional design, analyzing pooled data from the 2018–2022 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS).

Adults aged  $\geq 18$  years who reported a diagnosis of diabetes were included. The primary outcome was receipt of all five recommended diabetes preventive services ( $\geq 2$  A1c tests, eye examination, foot examination, cholesterol check, and influenza vaccination).

Among adults with diabetes, only 37.7% received all five recommended preventive services. Education level, race/ethnicity, insurance category, sex, and age were significant predictors of receiving all five recommended diabetes preventive services (Adjusted Wald F  $p < .05$ ).

**Conclusion:** Persistent disparities by education, insurance status, and race/ethnicity highlight inequities in access to high-quality diabetes care.

**Biography:** Gerald Ozota is a doctoral researcher in Pharmaceutical Sciences at Chapman University, specializing in Pharmaceutical Economics and Policy. His work focuses on health economics and outcomes research (HEOR), with particular interests in healthcare disparities, cost-effectiveness analysis, and real-world evidence. He has led and contributed to multiple research projects using large national datasets such as MEPS, NHIS, and SEER-Medicare to evaluate disease burden, treatment patterns, and health system impacts.

Gerald has presented his work at international conferences, including ISPOR Annual Meeting, where he was recognized as a Top 5% Finalist. His research on drug pricing and healthcare access has contributed to policy-relevant discussions, including work cited by global health organizations. In addition to research, he has experience in quality assurance within the pharmaceutical industry, supporting regulatory compliance and data integrity. Gerald is committed to advancing equitable and evidence-based healthcare policy through rigorous research and collaboration.

## Presentation 2 (45 Min)

### ***Unified Clinical Intelligence — An AI Platform for End-to-End Clinical Development***

Presented By

**Mr. Veeps Piravi**  
**Co-Founder, InnovoCommerce**

**Abstract:** Clinical research organizations face a structural challenge: trial design, execution, and monitoring operate in silos, driving reactive decisions and costly rework. A new class of purpose-built clinical AI platforms addresses this by spanning the full study lifecycle—from preclinical research and protocol authoring to study startup, governance, site engagement, and closeout.

Unlike retrofitted tools, these platforms use Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) to ground outputs in organizational knowledge and external sources such as literature, registries, and real-world data. The impact is threefold: faster, standardized document workflows with built-in compliance; earlier, data-driven protocol design that reduces amendments; and a unified intelligence layer across EDC, CTMS, and eTMF systems enabling proactive risk detection.

Beyond efficiency, the value compounds—better protocols improve enrollment, fewer amendments reduce delays, and embedded compliance lowers inspection risk. This marks a shift from AI as a productivity tool to AI as an institutional intelligence layer across clinical development.

**Biography:** Mr. Piravi is a clinical product innovator with 30+ years experience optimizing processes and building enterprise solutions for the Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology industries. He is currently leading product strategy at InnovoCommerce, focused on advancing digital transformation in clinical research.

**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2026

**Location:** Waters Technologies District Office, 3540 Howard Way, Suite 100, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

**Agenda:** This is a hybrid event. Check-in and Networking from 4:00-4:30 PM PT. Presentation and Discussion will be from 4:30-6:00 PM PT. Zoom login will open at 4:15 PM PT. There is **no charge for on-site** attendance as there will not be any refreshments for this event. Virtual attendance is always free.

**Registration:** Please register by 5:00 PM PDT, Friday, May 8, using the link below or copy and paste into your browser : <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/scpdg-announces-our-may-12-2026-meeting-tickets-1988139894945?aff=oddtcreator>

**Important Notes:** You must register to receive an emailed Zoom link for virtual attendance. You will receive the Zoom link after registration closes at 5:00 PM PDT on Friday, May 8th. If you need assistance logging in or during the presentation, please text me at 714 606 5907.

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