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**Call for Nominations:**
**2015-2016 Board of Directors and Nominating Committee**
**Deadline: June 30, 2014**
The Academy is now inviting nominations for available 2015-2016 positions on the Board of Directors and the Nominating Committee. Nominees should be current, voting members of AAPM who are interested in and qualified for service in a leadership role.

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**Call for 2015 Awards Nominations**
**Deadline: June 30, 2014**
The annual AAPM awards program identifies and celebrates the accomplishments of individuals whose endeavors improve the care of people with pain. Awards are presented at the AAPM Annual Meeting to those who contribute to the field of Pain Medicine in social, political, scientific, or clinical arenas.

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**Essentials Live Mini Courses – AAFP & PAINWeek**

**Save these dates!**
**Essentials Live Mini-Courses at AAFP and at PAINWeek 2014**
Several Live mini versions of AAPM’s Essential Tools for Treating the Patient in Pain™ are scheduled for Fall of 2014. These programs will provide portions of the full Essentials course and are presented in conjunction with other meetings. These mini-courses offer participants a chance to sample the
outstanding content and speakers that take part in the full Essentials course.

So Save these Dates and watch the website for details on the 2014 Live Essentials Mini-Programs: clinically accurate, live presentations from the top pain educators in the country.

**PAINWeek 2014**

AAPM's Essentials of Pain at PAINWeek Live Mini-Course
"Essential Tools for Treating the Patient in Pain™"

**Date:** Wednesday, September 3
**Time:** 7:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
**Location:** Las Vegas, NV

Essentials at PAINWeek 2014 will include these sessions:
- The Brain and Pain
- Myofascial Pain Syndromes
- Understanding and Treating Neuropathic Pain
- Headache: Evaluation, Examination, and Treatment

**American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)**
"Essential Tools for Treating the Patient in Pain™" Live CSS at AAFP's Annual Conference

**Date:** Thursday, October 23, 2014
**Time:** 6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
**Location:** Washington, DC

Registration to open soon at [www.painmed.org](http://www.painmed.org)

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**Pain Research in the News**

**Health InterNetwork Access to Research Initiative Program (HINARI)**
HINARI is the official web portal for World Health Organization’s HINARI (Health InterNetwork Access to Research Initiative) program. This web portal allows users to search and access full-text articles directly from the PubMed (Medline) database. To access the network, go to [www.HealthInterNetWork.org](http://www.HealthInterNetWork.org).

**SPECT/CT Reveals Best Treatment for Low Back Pain**
June 9, 2014 [Source: Society of Nuclear Medicine]
St. Louis, Mo. (June 9, 2014) – A molecular imaging scan in addition to a conventional bone scan can provide the necessary information about the physiological health of the spine to select the most appropriate pain-killing treatment protocol, say researchers at the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging's 2014 Annual Meeting. [Full story...](http://www.painmed.org)

**Drug Trial Shows Promise for Treating Constipation Caused by Pain Medicines**
June 4, 2014 [Source: University of Michigan]
The results of the two pivotal Phase 3 studies – KODIAC-4 and KODIAC-5 of
Need to add a Pain Physician to your practice?
Post your ad with AAPM's Career Center and reach more than the 2,500 members of AAPM. The network reaches beyond 30,000 professionals in healthcare.

Help Wanted:

Interventional Physiatry
Opportunity in Central Indiana
Kokomo, IN
Community Howard Regional Health is seeking a BC/BE Interventional Physiatrist.

Pain Management Office Seeking a Physician
Stoneham, MA
Growing Pain Management office in Stoneham, MA is currently seeking a full-time physician to join our team.

More jobs...

Read this month's President's Message

AAPM's State-of-the-Art, Comprehensive Textbook of Pain Medicine Available Now
Editor-in-Chief Timothy R. Deer MD

For more information...

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Updates
Need Facts on Pain?

Needle Exchange Program, an investigational treatment for opioid-induced constipation (OIC) – were published online first in the New England Journal of Medicine. Full story...

Predicting Pain Patient Response to Opioid Detoxification
June 2014 [Source: Pain Medicine News]
Full story...

Treat the Patient, Not the Pain Score, For Optimal Analgesia in the ED
June 2014 [Source: Pain Medicine News]
Full story...


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Substance Abuse and Addiction Research

BioDelivery Sciences Receives FDA Approval for BUNAVAIL™ (buprenorphine and naloxone) Buccal Film for the Maintenance Treatment of Opioid Dependence
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Top 5 Percent of Opioid Prescribers Write 40 Percent of US Narcotic Prescriptions
June 9, 2014 [Source: Express Scripts]
Full story...

National Safety Council Offers 5 Tips for Using Opioid Painkillers Safely
June 3, 2014 [Source: National Safety Council]
Itasca, IL – Drug overdoses are now the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death for Americans ages 25 to 64. Opioid prescription painkillers – legally obtainable drugs that are sitting in many medicine cabinets – account for most of these fatal drug overdoses. Full story...

Should Insurance Cover Interdisciplinary Pain Care?
June 3, 2014 [Source: Avani Institute Blog]
Full story...

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Sunshine Act Update

Physician and Teaching Hospital CMS Registration Begins June 1
As part of Open Payments, physicians and teaching hospitals should register with CMS to review information about payments or other transfers of value given to them by the industry prior to public posting of the data. Physicians and teaching hospitals that choose to participate will need to initially register in CMS' Enterprise Portal (the gateway to CMS' Enterprise Identification Management system (EIDM)) in order to access and review the information.
Visit AAPM's "Facts on Pain" section in the Patient Center of the AAPM website, which now includes detailed references to each fact. These are helpful to have on hand for media calls. Read more...

Affiliate Membership
Are the members of your pain team AAPM members? Affiliate membership information...

The American Board of Pain Medicine (ABPM) is committed to the certification of qualified physicians in the field of pain medicine. Visit abpm.org to view ABPM's mission, vision, and objectives.

Physician Payment Sunshine Act Resources:
- AMA's Recommended 4 Steps for Physicians to Support Accurate Data
- AMA Toolkit for Physician Financial Transparency Reports (Sunshine Act)
- The Official CMS Website for Open Payments (Physician Payments Sunshine Act)

Pain Medicine: May, 2014
Highlights:

SPINE SECTION
A Practice Audit of CT-Guided Injections of Pars Interarticularis Defects in Patients with Axial Low Back Pain: A Primer for Further Investigation

PAIN & AGING SECTION
When Pain Memories Are Lost: A Pilot Study of Semantic Knowledge of Pain in Dementia

PSYCHOLOGY, PSYCHIATRY & BRAIN NEUROSCIENCE SECTION
Evidence for Acute Central Sensitization to Prolonged Experimental Pain in Posttraumatic Stress Disorder

NEUROPATHIC PAIN SECTION
Safety, Tolerability, and Short-Term Efficacy of Intravenous Lidocaine Infusions for the Treatment of submitted about them by the industry. As a part of this overall process, registered users will be able to dispute information with industry that they believe to be inaccurate or incomplete. Full story...

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Practice Management & Coding Updates

On-Demand Coding Webinars:
Did you know you can view Past Coding Webinars by visiting AAPM's online store? Some of the past webinars available from AAPM include:

- 2014 Medicare Changes You MUST Know—Update on Coding, Billing, and Policy Changes
- ICD-10 What You Need to Know About Documentation in an ICD-10 Coding and Documentation in an EMR (Electronic Medical Records)
- AAPM 2013 Coding for Pain Webinar--What's New for 2013
- Coding for Multiple Services on the Same Day
- And more!

Visit www.painmed.org/coding for more information.

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Government Agency News

NIH Funding Announcement: Research on Chronic Overlapping Pain Conditions FOA Released
The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage epidemiological, clinical and translational research that will increase our understanding of the natural history, prevalence, biological mechanisms, psychological variables, and clinical risk factors responsible for the presence of multiple chronic pain conditions in people with pain.

R01: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-244.html

NIH Pain Consortium: Task Force on Research Standards for Chronic Low Back Pain (cLBP)

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State Legislative News

New England Governors to Discuss Drug Response
June 10, 2014 [Source: Concord Monitor]

Full story...

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Get Involved

Interdisciplinary Pain Medicine Special Interest Group (SIG)
This SIG met for the first time during the recent AAPM Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. This special interest group seeks to play an important role in influencing the research and practice of interdisciplinary pain care but will need to first consolidate the plethora of ideas and goals discussed in the
Chronic Pain in Adolescents and Young Adults

MUSCULOSKELETAL SECTION
Impact of Pain Intensity on Relationship Quality Between Couples Where One Has Back Pain

ACUTE & PERIOPERATIVE PAIN SECTION
Thoracic Paravertebral Block for Nephrectomy: A Randomized, Controlled, Observer-Blinded Study

REHABILITATION SECTION
Pain Quality of Life as Measured by Utilities

HEADACHE & FACIAL PAIN SECTION
Characteristics of Primary Stabbing Headache in a Tertiary Neurological Clinic in China

View all topics in the May issue of Pain Medicine journal or go to the Research section of the AAPM website for more information.

AAPM Membership

Become A Member
Renew Membership
Visit the AAPM Member Center for more information.

Designate AAPM on Your AMA Membership Ballot
If you are an AMA member, you should be receiving your Specialty Representation Ballot in the mail shortly. Please take a moment and complete your Ballot, either with the self-addressed postcard or on the Internet at: www.ama-assn.org/go/ballot.
Be sure to designate AAPM as your Specialty Society. It is very important that we have sufficient AAPM votes for continued representation in the House of Delegates. Thank you.

PubMed Pain Abstracts

The following abstracts are posted at PubMed.gov:

A Systematic Review of Community Opioid Overdose Prevention and Naloxone Distribution Programs
Clark AK1, Wilder CM, Winstanley EL.
Abstract: Community-based opioid overdose prevention programs (OOPPs) that include the distribution of naloxone have increased in response to alarmingly high overdose rates in recent years. This systematic review describes the current state of the literature on OOPPs, with particular focus on the effectiveness of these programs. We used systematic search criteria to identify relevant articles, which we abstracted and assigned a quality assessment score.
PMID: 2487475 [PubMed - in process]
Read more...

Whole-Body Mapping of Spatial Acuity for Pain and Touch
Mancini F1, Bauleo A, Cole J, Lui F, Porro CA, Haggard P, Iannetti GD.
Abstract: Tactile spatial acuity is routinely tested in neurology to assess the state of the dorsal column system. In contrast, spatial acuity for pain is not assessed, having never been systematically characterized. More than a century after the initial description of tactile acuity across the body, we provide the first systematic whole-body mapping of spatial acuity for pain. We evaluated the two-point discrimination thresholds for both nociceptive-selective and tactile stimuli across several skin regions. Thresholds were estimated using pairs of simultaneous stimuli, and also using successive stimuli. ANN NEUROL 2014. © 2014 American Neurological Association. Copyright © 2014 American Neurological Association.
PMID: 24816757 [PubMed - as supplied by publisher]
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NIH Clinical Studies & Trials

The following studies and trials are posted at ClinicalTrials.gov:

Effect of a Multimodal Pain Regimen on Pain Control, Patient Satisfaction and Narcotic Use in Orthopaedic Trauma Patients
This study is not yet open for participant recruitment.
Verified June 2014 by University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Sponsor: University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Information provided by (Responsible Party): University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Principal Investigator: Robert F Ostrum, MD, UNC Chapel Hill
Read more...
Stated Purpose: The study is a prospective, randomized, open-label comparison of a multimodal regimen and a standard, narcotic-based regimen for postoperative pain control in patients undergoing surgery for an operatively indicated, isolated extremity fracture. The investigators will be measuring pain levels, narcotic use, patient satisfaction, patient reported function, adverse events and fracture union. The investigators hypothesize that this multimodal regimen will lead to improved pain, less narcotic use and improved satisfaction as compared to the standard regimen.

**Effect of Intravenous Acetaminophen on Postoperative Opioid-related Complications**

This study is not yet open for participant recruitment. (see Contacts and Locations)

Verified June 2014 by The Cleveland Clinic

Sponsor: The Cleveland Clinic

Principal Investigator: Alparslan Turan, M.D., The Cleveland Clinic

Information provided by (Responsible Party): Alparslan Turan, The Cleveland Clinic

ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT02156154

First received: June 3, 2014

Stated Purpose: Some patients have respiratory depression (decreased breaths per minute) after surgery. Acetaminophen, an FDA approved pain medication, may prevent this problem. The purpose of this study is to determine if acetaminophen decreases respiratory depression after surgery. The investigators will also evaluate the cost effectiveness of acetaminophen.

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