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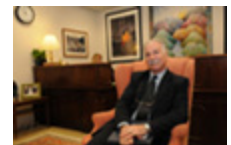
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The American Academy of Pain Medicine Welcomes New President, Perry G. Fine MD

April 18, 2011, Glenview, IL— The American Academy of Pain Medicine (AAPM) is pleased to announce Perry G. Fine MD as the Academy's 27th President. Dr. Fine assumed his new position at AAPM's Annual Meeting held last month in National Harbor, MD, where more than 1,000 scientists and physicians convened to learn the latest in Pain Medicine.



Perry G. Fine MD
(click to enlarge photo)

Currently, Dr. Fine is a member of the Academy's Board of Directors and Executive Committee. He also served as AAPM Treasurer from 2007-2010. Dr. Fine is Professor in the Department of Anesthesiology of the School of Medicine at the University of Utah, where he serves on the faculty in the Pain Research Center, and is an attending physician in the Pain Management Center. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the American Pain Foundation and as the External Strategic Advisor for Capital Hospice, Washington, DC, and is on the Steering Committee of the Pain Care Coalition, Washington, DC.

Dr. Fine is widely published in the fields of pain management and end-of-life care, with more than 125 scientific articles in peer-reviewed journals. He also serves on several

scientific advisory boards and the editorial boards of several peer-reviewed medical journals, including *Pain Medicine*, the official journal of AAPM. Extensively quoted in the media as a recognized medical authority for pain medicine, Dr. Fine has also been called as an expert witness in several high-profile trials.

After completing his medical school at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, Dr. Fine served an internship in 1982 at the Community Hospital of Sonoma County in Santa Rosa, California. He completed his residency in 1984 at the University of Utah Health Sciences Center in Salt Lake City and completed a fellowship in 1985 at the Smythe Pain Clinic of the University of Toronto in Ontario, Canada.

As the premier pain association of tomorrow, AAPM is on the forefront of advancing the knowledge of comprehensive pain medicine and dedicated to improving the health of people in pain. The Academy is pleased to welcome Dr. Perry Fine as its 27th President as it continues to advocate for both the pain patient and the pain physician.

As an expert in pain medicine, Dr. Fine is available for interviews through the American Academy of Pain Medicine by contacting Sue Thompson at 847-375-3686. Possible topics include:

What is a good pain doctor, and what credentials should I ask about?

What should every patient ask their physician when they are prescribed pain medications?

What do caretakers need to know about pain medications?

What do policymakers need to consider to ensure that balanced prescribing practices are maintained in the midst of two serious health problems: under-treated pain and prescription drug abuse?

[View photo of Dr. Fine](#)

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The American Academy of Pain Medicine is the premiere medical association for pain physicians and their treatment teams with over 2,600 members. Now in its 27th year of service, the Academy's mission is to optimize the health of patients in pain and eliminate it as a major public health problem by advancing the practice and the specialty of pain medicine through education, training, advocacy and research. Information is available on the practice of pain medicine at www.painmed.org.

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