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**Advances in Science and Treatment of Pain Presented at 25th Annual American Academy
of Pain Medicine Meeting January 28 – 31, 2009**

Further Understanding of Pain as a Disease Leads to Innovation in Treatment

January 26, 2009, Glenview, IL ... The American Academy of Pain Medicine's (AAPM) 2009 Annual Meeting – its 25th Anniversary – will take place in Hawaii this week with over 200 scientific posters, presentations and sessions. More than 750 physicians and other healthcare providers who research pain, or treat patients with pain, will attend.

“Over the last 25 years there has been an unprecedented evolution of pain medicine, science, and practice. Our scientists are discovering the mechanisms that cause injuries and diseases which damage the spinal cord and brain so that in many cases chronic pain becomes a progressive disease, not just a symptom,” said incoming AAPM President and Editor-in-Chief of *Pain Medicine*, Rollin M. Gallagher, MD MPH. “We have also seen an exponential increase in interventions for back pain, migraines, and traumatic injury patients. And there has been incredible progress in developing several different classes of medicines that work at many levels of the body, spinal cord, and brain to effectively treat pain, including medications with decreased abuse potential.”

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At this year's meeting, attendees will have access to latest research on the most innovative treatments in a multitude of therapeutic areas, as well as attend sessions to learn more about war and pain, and about advancements in pain management in Pacific Rim countries such as Australia and China.

“With the progress made in global pain medicine research and care, it is the perfect time to converge all approaches to help achieve the best outcomes for patients,” Gallagher concluded.

All presentations at AAPM's 25th Annual Meeting are embargoed until the time and date of presentation. All times listed are Hawaii-Aleutian Standard Time (HAST). Following are highlighted plenary sessions and posters:

Thursday, January 29, 2009 7:00 AM –8:00 AM HAST

Coral Ballroom, Hilton Hawaiian Village

Neuroplasticity and Chronic Pain, Norman Doidge, MD PhD Dsc

Friday, January 30, 2009 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM HAST

Coral Ballroom, Hilton Hawaiian Village

Acupuncture: Historical Perspectives and Emerging Advances in Treatment of Pain and Addiction, Jisheng Han, MD

Saturday, January 31, 2009 10:15 AM – 11:15 AM HAST

Coral Ballroom, Hilton Hawaiian Village

WAR and PAIN: From Battlefield to Back Home

Chester 'Trip' Buckenmaier, III, MD COL MC and R. Norman Harden, MD

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Wednesday, January 28, 2009 3:30 PM – Thursday, January 29, 2009 10:00 AM HAST
Coral Ballroom Foyer, Hilton Hawaiian Village
Authors present Jan. 28 from 5-6:30 PM and Jan. 29 from 9-10 AM

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Spinal Cord Stimulation for Chronic Pain Review, *Poster 121*
Peripheral Nerve Stimulation Outcomes, *Poster 126*
Artery of Adamkiewicz and Interventional Pain Management, *Poster 135*
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Variations in Epidural Steroid Injections, *Poster 142*
Interventional Treatment for Chronic Migraine, *Poster 146*
Pain Management in Pediatric Cancer Patients, *Poster 153*
Interventional Treatment for Intractable Migraine, *Poster 155*
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Chronic Pain and Depression, *Poster 175*
GABAergic Interneurons and Chronic Post-Ischemic Pain, *Poster 178*

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Coral Ballroom Foyer, Hilton Hawaiian Village
Authors present Jan. 29 from 3:30-5 PM and Jan. 30 from 9-10 AM

Calcium Channel Blockers Compared for Neuropathic Pain, *Poster 181*
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Effects of Oral Oxycodone in Recreational Drug Users, *Poster 211*
Evaluation of High Dose Opioids in Chronic Pain Patients, *Poster 220*
Long Term Opioid Therapy May Suppress Adrenal Corticosteroids, *Poster 221*
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Pain Surveys of Casualties from the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars, *Posters 252 and 253*
Outcomes of a Community-Based Pain Management Program, *Poster 261*
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About the AAPM

For over 25 years, the American Academy of Pain Medicine (AAPM) has been the medical specialty society representing more than 2,200 physicians practicing in the field of pain medicine. The Academy is involved in education, training, advocacy and research in the specialty of pain medicine. Information is available on the practice of pain medicine at www.painmed.org.

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