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**The Science and Practice of Pain in a Changing Healthcare Environment  
The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual American Academy of Pain Medicine Meeting February 3–6, 2010**

*More Than 600 Scientists and Physicians Gather to Learn the Latest  
In Pain Medicine*

**January 21, 2010, Glenview, IL ...** The science and practice of pain medicine, as well as the changing healthcare environment and what it means for patient treatment, will be addressed at the [American Academy of Pain Medicine's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting](#) in San Antonio, Texas next month. More than 200 scientific abstracts, as well as practical and plenary sessions will be presented February 3–6, 2010 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.

“AAPMedicine’s Annual Meeting is the only medical meeting related to pain that ‘puts it all together’,” said Eduardo Fraifeld, MD and president-elect of the American Academy of Pain Medicine. “Our members, attendees, and leaders bring together scientific research and the practical aspects of treating patients in one place. This year we are poised to learn more about up and coming treatments for pain such as biologics, updates on newer, non-opioid approaches like peripheral nerve stimulation, as well as discuss how the coming healthcare reform will affect the way pain physicians care for their patients.”

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**Topics:** Healthcare reform and pain management; cost analysis of pain treatments; integrated, efficient approaches to pain management; converting patients to methadone; advances in pain genomics, new biologic treatments for pain, advances in peripheral nerve stimulation; comprehensive cancer pain care; and the future of pain as a specialty.

**Keynote:** *Pain Medicine's Stake in Healthcare Reform*  
Daniel B. Carr, MD  
Saltonsall Professor of Pain Medicine, Department of Anesthesia  
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**Plenary:** *Pain Genomics*  
Debra A. Schwinn, MD  
Chair, Department of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine  
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