



Pain Medicine

Pain medicine, both non-interventional and interventional, continues to be identified as one of the prominent areas of care for the Academy's membership. In addition, membership surveys indicate that PM&R physicians' top prescriptions and procedures focus on pain medicine techniques. As such, the Academy has developed a variety of educational activities focused on this topic.

Interactive Self-Assessment Examination on Chronic Pain Management

The AAPM&R Self-Assessment Examination for Practitioners (SAE-P) focused on Interventions in Chronic Pain Management is an interactive continuing medical education tool designed to guide both physiatrists and residents in physical medicine and rehabilitation through self-directed assessment. Due to progressive developments within the field of PM&R, continued self assessment on the most relevant clinical topics is necessary to keep PM&R physicians up-to-date on current research and trends.

Self assessments are also used by PM&R physicians to meet the Part II Maintenance of Certification™ requirements mandated by the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (ABPMR). Since nearly all Academy members are Board Certified, this program is highly utilized.

Supplemental *Study Guide* articles focused on pain management topics accompany the self-assessment questions. This self assessment is offered online via the acadeME site, and AAPM&R will award CME credit for the self assessment until March 2011. The SAE-P is interactive, offering learners multiple-choice questions along with explanations and references specific to the clinical topic along with advanced scoring capabilities.

See the **Sports Medicine Tab** in Educational Sponsorship Opportunities for another Self-Assessment Examination sponsorship opportunity.

Pain Case Studies: Online Learning via acadeME

The AAPM&R Pain Case Study Series is a programmed learning series of case studies in pain medicine for physiatrists, residents in physiatry, and other physicians.

Each stage of the case is presented sequentially, just as physicians might uncover clinically relevant information in a diagnostic protocol. Each case includes the diagnostic impression, discussion, and references.

Grant Request

Unrestricted educational grants are sought for the following educational activities:

- Interactive Self Assessment on Chronic Pain Management: \$25,000
- Online Case Studies: \$5,000

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