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Elsevier Announces Launch of *PM&R* in Partnership with the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

New Journal Emphasizes Principles of Injury, Function and Rehabilitation

Philadelphia, PA, November 19, 2008 – Elsevier, a world-leading publisher of scientific, technical and medical information products and services, is pleased to announce the January 2009 launch of a new medical journal in partnership with the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation -- *PM&R, The journal of injury, function and rehabilitation* (www.pmrjournal.org).

Under the guidance of Editor-in-Chief Stuart M. Weinstein, MD, Clinical Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine at the University of Washington, Seattle, and an internationally renowned Editorial Board, this monthly, peer-reviewed, scholarly publication has a clinical focus, presenting a balance of topics matching the practice needs of the Academy membership and other related medical disciplines, as well as a wider international readership. The “Purple Journal” (as it will be colloquially branded) is designed to advance education and impact the specialty of physical medicine and rehabilitation through the timely delivery of clinically relevant and evidence-based research and review

information. Coverage includes acute and chronic musculoskeletal disorders and pain, neurologic conditions involving the central and peripheral nervous systems, rehabilitation of impairments associated with disabilities in adults and children, and neurophysiology and electrodiagnosis.

“We are a fledgling journal, but intend to make an immediate contribution,” commented Dr. Weinstein. “Our goal over time is for this new journal to be viewed as an icon in this specialty, contributing to the advancement of physical medicine and rehabilitation on a global scale, raising the scientific bar and building bridges between practitioners and researchers across this multidisciplinary field. Partnering with the right publisher is critical. That is why we are particularly pleased with the association with Elsevier, working together to grow this journal from its infancy.”

“When 8000 AAPM&R members receive *PM&R* as their official journal in January, it will represent the achievement of a long-awaited goal. The Academy will finally have a vehicle to communicate high-quality scientific content on a monthly basis that specifically focuses on the needs of physiatrists in all practice settings. This journal will be the cornerstone of our specialty and our organization,” adds Academy President David X. Cifu, MD.

The various sections of *PM&R* highlight original research including clinical trials and outcomes studies, clinically relevant translational science, comprehensive and focused review articles, case presentations, point/counterpoint discussions and commentary, ethical legal topics, practice management updates, topical study guides, editorial and opinion pieces, clinical pearls, emerging issues and letters to the editor. Continuing Medical Education opportunities for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit are also offered.

The contributing authors and readership of *PM&R* embody the diversity of groups for whom this journal was developed. These include clinicians and clinical researchers in the field of physical medicine and rehabilitation, in other medical specialties (such as neurology, rheumatology, geriatrics and spinal surgery) and practitioners in related disciplines (such as physical and occupational therapy, speech and language pathology and clinical psychology). *PM&R* will serve as a vehicle to enhance the dissemination of medical knowledge that will benefit people with acute *and* chronic impairments and disabilities.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Read more about Editor-in-Chief Stuart M. Weinstein, MD, at http://www.aapmr.org/member/journal_editor.htm.

View the entire list of Editorial Board members at <http://www.pmrjournal.org/edboard>.

Following is a selection of articles scheduled for the inaugural issue of *PM&R* (January 2009):

Rehabilitation Needs of Combat-Injured Service Members Admitted to the VA Polytrauma Rehabilitation Centers: The Role of PM&R in the Care of Wounded Warriors

Disparities in Stroke Rehabilitation: Results of a Study in an Integrated Health System in Northern California

Intra-rater and Inter-rater Reliability of the Balance Error Scoring System (BESS)

Interpretation of Contrast Dispersal Patterns by Experienced and Inexperienced Interventionalists

Normal Motor NCS Using Surface Electrode Recording from the Supraspinatus, Infraspinatus, Deltoid and Biceps

The Influence of Minority Status on Job Stability after Traumatic Brain Injury

An Emerging Imaging Technology to Assist in the Localization of Axial Spine Pain

Managing Agitation Associated with TBI: Behavioral vs Pharmacologic

ABOUT THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION

(AAPM&R)

Founded in 1938 to treat musculoskeletal and neurological problems, AAPM&R

(<http://www.aapmr.org/>) is the national medical specialty society of more than 7500 physical medicine and rehabilitation (PM&R) physicians, also called physiatrists. PM&R physicians care for patients with acute and chronic pain, catastrophic injuries, musculoskeletal disorders, back pain, and work- or sports-related injuries. They also coordinate the long term rehabilitation process for patients with spinal cord injuries, cancer, stroke or other neurological disorders, brain injuries, amputations and multiple sclerosis.

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