

## Advancing PM&R BOLD with Innovators and Influencers

In early November and December, the Academy held 2 exciting think tank sessions bringing together innovators and influencers from the areas of musculoskeletal medicine and acute/post-acute rehabilitation medicine. Members in each think tank discussed the research from thousands of Academy members that has led to the new vision for the specialty. They participated in strategic exercises with the goal of collecting their expert insights on future envisioned opportunities for PM&R in the evolving health care environment.

Specifically, the MSK think tank participants confirmed that there is a future opportunity for PM&R musculoskeletal care to align with primary care and further expand or develop comprehensive musculoskeletal practices. The acute/post-acute rehabilitation medicine think tank confirmed the potential to broaden not only the post-acute continuum role for physiatrists into different settings

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such as skilled nursing facilities, long-term acute care hospitals and home health, but also earlier in the acute hospital. Think tank participants discussed educational gaps, reimbursement needs, awareness, and workforce requirements, as well as the legislative

and quality areas that would need to be addressed to support members in moving into these new areas. All agreed that there is ample opportunity for physiatrists; it will take careful planning and work by the Academy and by individual, innovative

physiatrists to begin to make these new futures a reality. And, members were excited to continue on this journey of exploration.

Because the Academy is currently working with members to explore these new areas, there is much to come on how you may get involved and innovate to establish practices that align with this new vision. ❖

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Stay tuned for more information in future Academy communications, and visit [www.aapmr.org/pmrbold](http://www.aapmr.org/pmrbold) frequently for updates.

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## A BOLD New Vision for Physiatry



Physiatrists are the **essential** medical experts in value-based **evaluation, diagnosis, and management** of neuromusculoskeletal and disabling conditions.

Physiatrists are **indispensable** leaders in **directing rehabilitation and recovery**, and in preventing injury and disease.

Physiatrists are **vital** in optimizing outcomes and function **early and throughout the continuum of patient care.**

## Commit to Being **BOLD** in 2018

As we enter 2018, we encourage you to act **BOLDLY!**

Your Academy is continuing to look at new and innovative ways in which physiatry is practiced and is actively working to create new leadership development opportunities and resources to support physiatrists who are working to achieve the new vision for the specialty.

There are also many ways for you to take **BOLD** next steps:

- Take on a new leadership role in your practice and/or health care system
- Take on a new leadership role in a PM&R or physician group
- Partner with other physicians exploring new models
- Read and learn from leaders in PM&R who are innovators and influencers in the field

Our work is just beginning, so keep watching your email and [www.aapmr.org/pmrbold](http://www.aapmr.org/pmrbold) to keep up-to-date with next steps and opportunities to stay involved. In the meantime, start a **BOLD** conversation with a colleague about the future of the specialty.