Together, the specialty of PM&R boldly discussed its future. Together, we envisioned new practice models and areas of opportunity to expand the impact of our care. Now, we’re working to advance the specialty; focused on action to make the vision for physiatry a reality.

**The Vision for Physiatry:**

1. Physiatrists are the essential medical experts in value-based evaluation, diagnosis and management of neuromusculoskeletal and disabling conditions.
2. Physiatrists are indispensable leaders in directing rehabilitation and recovery, and in preventing injury and disease.
3. Physiatrists are vital in optimizing outcomes and function early and throughout the continuum of patient care.

AAPM&R has adopted the vision statement as its own organizational vision statement. By supporting this vision with updated statements for our organizational mission, core values and goals, AAPM&R is working to support all physiatrists during the current period of intense healthcare changes. AAPM&R has created a strategic plan with actionable strategies to support our envisioned futures and is working with member leaders to help make these futures a reality.

**Envisioned Futures for Practice Areas:**

**Musculoskeletal Care:**
In the Future … Physiatry is primary care’s frontline partner for all non-emergent Musculoskeletal (MSK) Care.

**Rehabilitation Care Continuum:**
In the Future … The physiatrist is the recognized leader across the Rehabilitation Care Continuum with expertise in managing utilization of resources to achieve maximal patient outcome.

**Cancer Rehabilitation Medicine:**
In the Future … Physiatrists are an essential and integrated part of interdisciplinary cancer care teams, and highly valued by diverse stakeholder groups including patients, caregivers, oncology care teams, payers and leaders of health systems.

**Pediatric Rehabilitation Medicine:**
In the Future … The pediatric physiatrist is recognized as the essential physician expert for children and youth with acquired and congenital disabilities with the main purpose to optimize function and life transitions across the care continuum and into the community.

**Pain Management and Spine Rehabilitation:**
In the future … Physiatrists are recognized as the preferred providers for pain management and spine rehabilitation care.

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