

This update from the American Academy of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (AAPM&R) contains AAPM&R information and resources for PM&R residency program chairs, directors, and coordinators and residents. We'll send new information each month, which can also be found on the Academy's website at www.aapmr.org.

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Register Now for the 2017 Annual Assembly



October 12-15, 2017 | Denver, Colorado

New this year: the GME Leaders Summit! One of the resounding messages that was emphasized in the Academy's Visioning PM&R Bold initiative was the need to expand, innovate, and strengthen our PM&R graduate medical education programs to meet future needs, and fulfill the exciting and rewarding future opportunities for the PM&R specialty. To that end, the Academy has created a new Graduate Medical Education Committee to advance these strategic efforts. The Academy will be inviting thought leaders to participate in this invite-only, interactive Summit to explore and advance the issues related to expanding PM&R's fellowship training opportunities. Invitations will be sent later this summer.

[Register now](#) for the 2017 Annual Assembly! During this 4-day information-packed event, we'll give you the resources and knowledge to transform every facet of your PM&R practice in 4 key areas:

- **Community:** Fostering camaraderie among a diverse specialty with unique opportunities to network with your peers. The interaction is non-stop in 2017!
- **Leadership:** Bringing nearly 3,000 PM&R thought-leaders together under 1 roof to exchange new ideas about the future, share best practices, and help position the specialty for success.
- **Patient Care:** Providing peer-developed resources and top-notch education to advance your clinical skills and improve the care you provide.
- **Technology:** Showcasing the latest product innovations to positively impact your patients' lives.

[Register now!](#) Secure your spot for preconference courses, our new skills labs, and the President's Reception—held at Wynkoop Brewing Company—before they sell out! Plus, enjoy early-bird savings of up to \$300 when you register before August 30.

Dues Renewal for Members-in-Training is Now Open

Dues renewal for in-training members is open until October 1, 2017. The Academy has the resources to help your residents throughout residency, as well as their transition to full-time practice. Encourage your residents to renew their memberships to receive career advice, educational resources specific to their early-career stage, fellowship training advice, leadership opportunities. Email memberservices@aapmr.org for more information on renewing memberships for your program and helping your residents support their primary specialty.

Feedback Needed: SAE-R Testing Window Extension

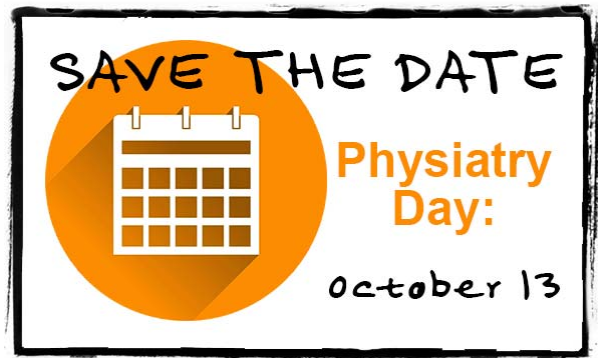
Over the last year, you have provided valuable feedback regarding the SAE-R and how the Academy can make improvements to the overall process. The Medical Education Committee and Self-Assessment Committee have listened and discussed the recommendation to extend the testing window to allow for greater flexibility when it comes to scheduling the examination date. The committees have made the recommendation to extend the 2 day testing window to 6 days, which would run from Tuesday to Monday, excluding Sunday. By doing so, this will hopefully make it easier to secure a computer lab and a test date that is more conducive for your residents. Please note: with this change, programs will still need to have their residents test on the same day; testing on various days will not be allowed.

The Academy would like to implement this extension for the 2018 SAE-R, but before doing so, we would like to hear from you. Please email saer@aapmr.org with any feedback you may have regarding this change. Since registration is opening soon, make sure to submit your feedback by **Thursday, July 20, 2017**.

Be a Part of Physiatry Day 2017

Mark 'Physiatry Day 2017' on your calendar for Friday, October 13.

Save the date: Tell your institution and PR/Communications team to save the date and get involved! Join the celebration by highlighting the work of physiatrists within your institution/system. Have them notify us of their planned efforts by emailing info@pmrismorethan.org. We'll help spread the word too!



Submit content for the big day: Throughout the day, we want to focus on a different aspect of the specialty. From the diverse clinical expertise (i.e., TBI, sports medicine, pediatric rehabilitation, spine medicine, etc.) to the way physiatry is practiced in different settings, we want to celebrate it all. To do this, we need stories and pictures from physiatrists! Share a patient story, why you chose physiatry, or why you think your specialty is so impactful to medicine—we want to celebrate your work with everyone! To submit your content, visit www.pmrismorethan.org/act.

Participation in Physiatry Day 2017 will be available in your institution, via social media, and in-person at the 2017 Annual Assembly in Denver, Colorado. Stay tuned for more details!

Visit www.pmrismorethan.org to see how physiatry is being celebrated year-round. Follow the campaign on Facebook (@PMRisMoreThan) and Twitter (@PMRisMoreThan)!

Institution Partners Council (IPC): \$20,000+ Value for Only \$4,000

The IPC is an annual program available to institutions, organizations and departments to become more involved with AAPM&R by supporting the mission and vision for the specialty and organization while receiving year-round exposure and other great benefits, including:

- AAPM&R social media channels—**6,000+** followers!
- www.aapmr.org —an average of **47,000** visitors per month!
- *The Physiatrist*—the Academy's monthly newsletter—circulated to **10,000+** member physiatrists every month!
- *Connection*—the Academy's weekly e-newsletter, circulated to **10,000+** member physiatrists every month!
- AAPM&R's Annual Assembly—the largest gathering for PM&R physicians in the world!
- And more!

"I participated as an inaugural member of the Institution Partners Council (IPC). I felt it was important that we support the organization that represents our residents and faculty. It was a great experience and well worth the money. The recognition and level of prominence provided to the University of Louisville in its support of the AAPM&R was beyond my expectation. I will definitely plan on continuing my membership." - Darryl L. Kaelin, MD; Division Chief and Associate Professor, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation; Dept. of Neurological Surgery, University of Louisville

[Learn more about the IPC.](#)

Updates for Residents

Register Now for the Residency Program at the Annual Assembly



Watch our “Resident Recap” video above to get a taste of this great program! Encourage your residents to [register now](#) for the revamped 2017 Annual Assembly Residency Program! This year, resident/early-career activities will take place **throughout** the Annual Assembly for a complete event experience. Sessions begin on Thursday afternoon, so please plan travel accordingly.

The Annual Assembly is the largest gathering of PM&R residents in the world. It’s the place to network with attendings and learn both clinical and “life-after graduation” skills. Residents will also learn about securing a position and preparing for psychiatric practice, among other valuable topics.

Resident Quiz Bowl

Join us for the second annual Resident Quiz Bowl. This year, we’re bringing the fun to the Learning Center floor where PM&R residents from across the country can compete for fun and test their psychiatry knowledge. [Sign up your team here.](#)

Networking Opportunities

Encourage your residents to take advantage of these networking opportunities, designed with them in mind:

- AAPM&R Job and Fellowship Fair (for all attendees)—Wednesday, October 11: 6:30 pm-9 pm
- Resident Quiz Bowl ([register your team here](#))—Friday, October 13: 4 pm-5:30 pm
- Resident Town Hall Meeting—Friday, October 13: 4 pm-5 pm
- Residents’ Reception—Friday, October 13: 5:30 pm-6:30 pm
- President’s Reception at Wynkoop Brewing Company—Friday, October 13: 6:30 pm-9 pm
- Chief Residents’ Meeting—Saturday, October 14: 4:30 pm-5:30 pm

Your residents can view the full agenda and register at www.aapmr.org/assembly. **Hurry—early-bird registration ends August 30.**

Physiatrist-in-Training Council (PHiT) Board Nominations Now Open

PHiT (formerly the Resident Physician Council) Board nominations open today. To apply, interested AAPM&R resident and associate fellow (those in fellowship 2017-2018) members must complete the [online nomination submission form](#), including their officer/liason preferences as well as a personal statement and *curriculum vitae*.



Encourage your residents to [learn more about the available positions](#) and consider applying before deadlines begin in August!

What is PHiT? The AAPM&R Board of Governors met at the end of April for their annual spring meeting. Many important initiatives were discussed, including a potential change to the official name of the RPC, which was recommended by the Academy's Membership Committee. This meant that the Resident Physician Council (RPC) would change to the Physiatrist-in-Training Council (PHiT). Earlier this month, the Board of Governors voted to officially change the name from RPC to PHiT.

The change will help incorporate those who are currently in a fellowship, in addition to residents, who utilize many of the same early-career resources available through the Academy.

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