

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

[Register now](#) for the 2017 Annual Assembly! Join us for 3 can't-miss plenary speakers who have their pulse on PM&R. Plus, a new Sunday plenary competition—PhyzTalks!

- **Mick Ebeling—Radical Collaboration:** Thursday, October 12 | 11:15 am-12:30 pm
- **Dave Anderson— Becoming a Leader of Character:** Friday, October 13 | 11:30 am-12:30 pm
- **David M. Crandell, MD—Crossing the Finish Line: How Rehabilitation Responders Made Boston Strong:** Saturday, October 14 | 11:30 am-12:30 pm
- **PhyzTalks Plenary—New for 2017:** Sunday, October 15 | 10 am-11:30 am

Also new this year—the **GME Leaders Summit!** One of the resounding messages that was broadly 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.

AAPM&R’s Registry: Be a Part of It, But Hurry – Deadlines are Approaching!

The Spine Quality Outcomes Database (SQOD) is a clinical data registry that will follow individuals with spine-related issues longitudinally, created by your Academy and the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS). The collected data will help advance the understanding of the spine patient population while demonstrating the quality and value of treatments.



Many specialties have taken control of how they are being measured. Now, it is physiatry’s time to define our standards of care. Get involved, learn more about how you practice, avoid MIPS payment penalties, and be a part of the movement to advance physiatry.

Learn more at www.spinegod.org or email info@spinegod.org to register. **Hurry—you must be registered by August 1 to use certain [reporting options!](#)**

Call for *PM&R* Editor-in-Chief

The Academy is seeking applications for the position of Editor-in-Chief of *PM&R* for a 5-year term that will begin with the January 2019 issue.

Interested applicants must be able to demonstrate a record of scholarship in physical medicine and rehabilitation, prior experience in scientific editing (preferably journal editing), and history of leadership. This is a prestigious appointment that requires a person with experience, passion, and time to continue the growth and development, and advancing prominence, of *PM&R* in the scientific publishing community.

Learn more and apply at www.aapmr.org/callforeic. Applications are due **August 31, 2017**.

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. [View a full agenda and list of the amazing networking opportunities!](#)

800+ Questions to Prepare for August 14

If your residents will be taking the ABPMR Maintenance of Certification[®] Part I Certification Examination on August 14, encourage them to dive in to studying with more than 800 questions in AAPM&R's [Certification Exam Prep Qbank](#).



They can [preview some questions](#) and then head to me.aapmr.org to access the Qbank today. But your PGY4's must hurry—they automatically save \$200 while they have resident member status and graduation is nearing!

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](#), submitting their officer/liaison preferences as well as a personal statement and *curriculum vitae*.

Encourage your residents to [learn more about the available positions](#) and consider applying!

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. This more accurately represents the Academy's resident and associate fellow members, who utilize many of the same early-career resources available through the Academy.



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