

This update from the American Academy of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (AAPM&R) contains AAPM&R information and resources for PM&R residency staff and their 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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Registration is Now Open for the 2017 Annual Assembly

October 12-15, 2017 | Denver, Colorado

Registration is now open 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 one roof to 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. This is your hub for learning all about the latest advancements in PM&R.

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.

[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.

Time is Running Out to Enter the PhysTalks Plenary Video Contest

Don't miss your chance to be featured at the NEW Sunday plenary session! We're taking your stories to the main stage with the inaugural Call for PhysTalks.

PhysTalks are a showcase for speakers to present well-formed ideas in under 15 minutes. These are TED-style talks that allow an audience to focus on one subject for a relatively short amount of time. Enter the contest by submitting a video detailing your full talk (the video doesn't need to be fancy!).

We're looking forward to seeing your submissions! [Learn more and apply](#) before **June 15!**

AAPM&R's Registry is Advancing Spine Patient Care. Be Part of It!

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.



Spine Quality Outcomes Database

Working Together to Improve Patient Care

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.spineqod.org or email info@spineqod.org to register.

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**.

Physiatry is More Than A Glass Coffin

Earle Powdrell had been in a community hospital in Dallas for 3 days, in what appeared to be a vegetative state. Unable to move his eyes to the right or left, Earle could only—at the time—blink.

It was with 5 blinks that Earle saved his own life.

Visit www.pmrismorethan.org to read Earle's story and learn more about the "Physiatry is more than..." campaign, which celebrates the range of care physiatrists provide on a daily basis. While you're there, be sure to share your story as a physiatrist; just fill out the form on the website. Also, let your facility's communications team know about this initiative and encourage them to post patient stories, too.



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:

- Special discounts on Annual Assembly registration for your team members
- Free booth at the Residency Fair
- Free booth at the AAPM&R Job and Fellowship Fair
- Recognition in the Academy's publications and website
- And more!

[Click here](#) to learn more about the IPC.

Updates for Residents

Register Now for the Residency Program at the Annual Assembly

[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.

The Annual Assembly is the largest gathering of PM&R residents in the world, providing educational and networking events tailored specifically for you.

It's the place to network with attendings and learn both clinical and "life-after graduation" skills. You'll also learn about securing a position and preparing for physiatric practice, among other valuable topics.



Networking Opportunities

Take advantage of these networking opportunities, designed with you in mind:

- AAPM&R Job and Fellowship Fair (for all attendees)—Wednesday, October 11: 6:30 pm-9 pm
- Resident Quiz Bowl (*details on how your program can participate will be available soon!*)—Friday, October 13: 4 pm-5:30 pm
- Resident Town Hall Meeting—Friday, October 13: 5 pm-6 pm
- Residents' Reception—Friday, October 13: 6 pm-7 pm
- Chief Residents' Meeting—Saturday, October 14: 4:30 pm-5:30 pm

New for 2017—Expanded Career Corner Booth

Stop by the Career Corner booth in the PM&R Pavilion to learn more about the Academy's career development resources and tools, as well as volunteer opportunities to enhance your CV and leadership skills. You'll meet with representatives who will be conducting CV reviews and offering career advice. New this year—organizations will be recruiting candidates at designated kiosks near the booth.

Your residents can view the full agenda and register at www.aapmr.org/assembly.

Resident Physician Council (RPC) Board Nominations Opening Soon

RPC Board nominations will open on June 13, 2017. To apply, interested AAPM&R Resident 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!

Career Tips from PM&R Experts

Encourage your residents to visit me.aapmr.org to access the following can't-miss early career resources—just \$45 for resident members!

- [Identifying the Right Practice Setting to Meet Your Goals](#)
- [Making the Most of Your Early Career](#)

In the video modules, seasoned physiatrists provide personal tips on how residents and early-career physiatrists can navigate this exciting stage of their careers.



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