

# 2025

# AAPM&R ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OVERVIEW



THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE



# #AAPMR25

# #aapmr25

SALT LAKE CITY, UT & VIRTUAL  
OCTOBER 22-25, 2025

# AAPM&R IS GRATEFUL FOR ITS EXHIBITORS AND SPONSORS!

## A NOTE OF GRATITUDE FROM AAPM&R

Thank you for your choosing to exhibit at AAPM&R's 2025 Annual Assembly (#AAPMR25). We were delighted to have your organization participate in this exceptional event and recognize the significant investment to attend our gathering. Please know we value your trust in us and we worked hard to ensure you were afforded a meaningful experience and strong return on your investment.

To foster more meaningful connections between attendees and organizations at #AAPMR25, we started highlighting exhibitors throughout our member communications in September and created special messaging to various targets of membership, asking them to plan their exhibit experience in advance of the meeting. With efforts such as these, we work to enhance your experience year-over-year. We look forward to supporting your success and continuing our partnership in the future.

We are eager to learn about your experience. Please drop us a note at [corporatesupport@aapmr.org](mailto:corporatesupport@aapmr.org).



# AAPM&R BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Founded in 1938, the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPM&R) is the national medical specialty organization representing more than 10,000 physicians who are specialists in physical medicine and rehabilitation (PM&R). AAPM&R's mission is to *lead the advancement of PM&R's impact throughout healthcare*. Learn more at [www.aapmr.org](http://www.aapmr.org).

## PM&R: AN OVERVIEW OF THE FIELD



**1 of 24**

Primary Board  
Medical Specialties



**12,800+**

board certified  
in PM&R



**6,500+**

AAPM&R members  
are board certified

## ABOUT PM&R PHYSICIANS

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation physicians, also known as physiatrists, PM&R physicians, and more, treat a wide variety of medical conditions affecting the brain, spinal cord, nerves, bones, joints, ligaments, muscles and tendons. PM&R physicians evaluate and treat injuries, illnesses and disability, and are experts in designing comprehensive, patient-centered treatment plans. Physiatrists utilize cutting-edge as well as time-tested treatments to maximize function and quality-of-life.

- As a specialty, PM&R physicians are detectives, identifying root causes of disability, and removing barriers to living independently.
- PM&R physicians create custom recovery plans to help patients achieve specific goals (e.g., to be able to walk, to live alone, play a sport or return to work).
- By speeding recovery, PM&R physicians can reduce hospital length of stay, improve pain management, and partner with therapists to teach patients self-reliance, thus minimizing hospital readmissions.
- Early hospital consultation with PM&R physicians can reduce unnecessary procedures, guide post-acute care planning, enhance self-care skills, increase patient satisfaction, reduce polypharmacy and decrease the overall cost of care.
- PM&R physicians often work at the center of a larger care team, collaborating with neurologists, primary care, allied services and more.
- [Click here](#) to learn about the history of PM&R.

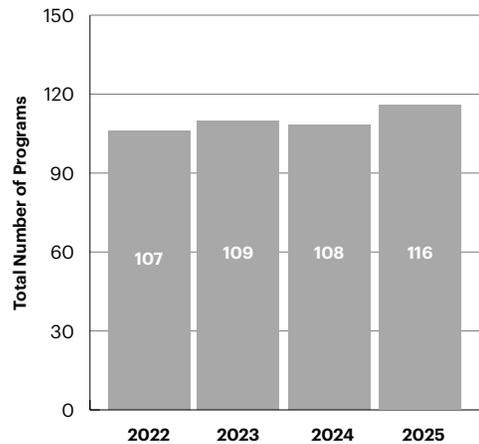
## PM&R TRAINING: RESIDENCY

Each year, ~1,700 are going through PM&R residency training and the specialty is growing

PM&R has the 5th highest "fill rate" in The Match — with 240 positions and 782 applicants; 52.5% MDs and 37.5% DOs — indicating that it is a highly competitive and desirable specialty.\*

\*<https://bemoacademicconsulting.com/blog/most-competitive-residencies>

Accredited PM&R Residency Programs in the U.S.



## PM&R PHYSICIANS OFTEN HAVE A SUBSPECIALTY CERTIFICATION, INCLUDING:

- ✓ Sports Medicine
- ✓ Brain Injury
- ✓ Pediatric Rehabilitation
- ✓ Spinal Cord Injury
- ✓ Neuromuscular Medicine



**27.1%**

OF PHYSIATRISTS  
HOLD ONE OR MORE  
SUBSPECIALTY  
CERTIFICATION.

# THE AAPM&R ANNUAL ASSEMBLY EVENT EXPERIENCE

Each year, AAPM&R brings the PM&R community together at the Annual Assembly to advance the specialty. As the premier PM&R-focused event, our attendees connect, learn and expand their professional expertise. For 2025, we again hosted a hybrid meeting—in-person in Salt Lake City as well as virtually for those who chose to participate remotely, ensuring accessibility and engagement for all attendees regardless of location. No matter which way attendees chose to participate, #AAPMR25 showcased why *There's No Place Like #AAPMR25*, which emphasized the community aspect of the specialty.

The 2025 Annual Assembly was jam-packed with the top-notch education, valuable networking opportunities and cutting-edge research that attendees have come to expect from the Academy. To ensure everyone has access to the exceptional content, all sessions, along with exhibitor descriptions, are available on the virtual platform until February 1, 2026. This allows attendees to revisit sessions they missed, explore exhibitor resources and claim CME credits at their convenience. After this date, registered attendees have access to the educational content on a different platform.

## ATTENDANCE IN 2025

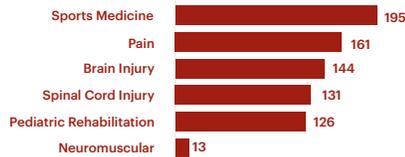
#AAPMR25 joined together 2,700+ participants, truly making our event the largest gathering of PM&R physicians in the world, and a conference to remember! Check out some highlights below...

**2,770\*** TOTAL ATTENDEES

**2,261** IN-PERSON ATTENDEES

**509** VIRTUAL ATTENDEES

### 23.1% HOLD A SUBSPECIALTY CERTIFICATION



### PRIMARY PRACTICE SETTING



## THE BEST IN EDUCATION



**816** FIRST-TIME ATTENDEES

**748** FIRST-TIME IN-PERSON ATTENDEES

**48** FIRST-TIME VIRTUAL ATTENDEES

<b>90+</b> EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS	<b>39</b> LIVE-STREAMED SESSIONS	<b>24</b> MEMBER MEETUPS	<b>3</b> PLENARY SESSIONS	<b>18</b> CLINICAL AND PRACTICE THEMES
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\*All data taken from the 2025 Annual Assembly Demographics Report, Exhibitor Survey and Attendee Survey. Some information, like primary practice setting, is self-reported.

## EDUCATION AT ITS BEST

The Academy is dedicated to serving as the primary resource for members, providing the highest-quality and most relevant continuing education opportunities. From the experienced practitioner to those just starting their careers, the 2025 Annual Assembly offered unparalleled opportunities for professional growth and development. Attendees participated in 90+ educational sessions (39 of which were live-streamed, including the four plenaries). AAPM&R values the essential contributions of its exhibitors in making the event a success. Exhibitors with a badge had access to all educational sessions with the exception of Skills Labs, which required a ticket.

### PRE-CONFERENCE COURSES

Attendees jump-started their Assembly experience with one of three pre-conference courses, which dove deep into ultrasound, concussion/mild TBI and electrodiagnostics (EDX)—common treatments and procedures that physiatrists perform.

### ADVANCED CLINICAL FOCUS DAYS (NO TICKET WAS REQUIRED.)

Our attendees asked for more advanced content, and we answered with new Advanced Clinical Focus Days. During the Annual Assembly, we provided advanced, targeted full-day symposia in key clinical areas most relevant to attendees. Each focus area featured two tracks with three sessions, offering an immersive and comprehensive learning experience.

Tracks included:

- Inpatient Rehabilitation
- Pediatric Rehabilitation
- MSK and Sports Medicine
- Cancer Rehabilitation
- Pain and Spine Medicine
- Neurorehabilitation

AAPM&R plans to continue these tracks in 2026 with even more of a focus on “advanced content.”

## WE'VE GOT YOUR NUMBER... EDUCATION BY THE NUMBERS



**3** PLENARY SESSIONS



**6** ADVANCED CLINICAL FOCUS DAY AREAS



**11** SKILLS LABS



**39** LIVE-STREAMED SESSIONS



**401** FACULTY



**89** DIDACTIC LECTURES



**930+** POSTERS



**12** SPONSORED EDUCATION SESSIONS

## ACADEMY-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES DRIVE TRAFFIC TO THE EXHIBIT HALL

We designed a dynamic space for networking, learning and connecting with fellow attendees and exhibiting companies. Traditional exhibits (130+), sponsored educational theaters and hands-on experiences were available to our attendees onsite in Salt Lake City. All PM&R Pavilion experiences were free to registered attendees. AAPM&R made every effort to connect attendees with exhibitors most relevant to their practice or referral network.



**130+**  
EXHIBITS



**9** LEARNING  
CENTER  
SESSIONS



**930+**  
RESEARCH POSTERS



**12** INDUSTRY-SPONSORED  
EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS



**127** JOB AND FELLOWSHIP  
FAIR EXHIBITORS

Plus, we also brought back returning favorites such as...

**CENTRAL CAFÉ** **DOG**  
**PROFESSIONAL** **PARK**  
**HEADSHOT BOOTH**

### TARGETED EXPERIENCES FOR THOSE JUST BEGINNING THEIR PM&R CAREERS

Two returning experiences for Medical Students and Residents were held at #AAPMR25, and were very well-received, with superb attendance at both events.

**The Resident Experience** included engaging with PM&R faculty and exhibitors in hands-on clinical interventions, professional headshots and an exploration of the dynamic career landscape through PM&R Aspire. Residents also had the opportunity to ask the experts about their experiences with running a spasticity practice and more. ***If you didn't sponsor this event in 2025, you'll want to consider sponsoring in 2026 to showcase your support for the next generation of physiatrists and gain visibility among emerging leaders in the field.*** This year's sponsors included the following organizations:



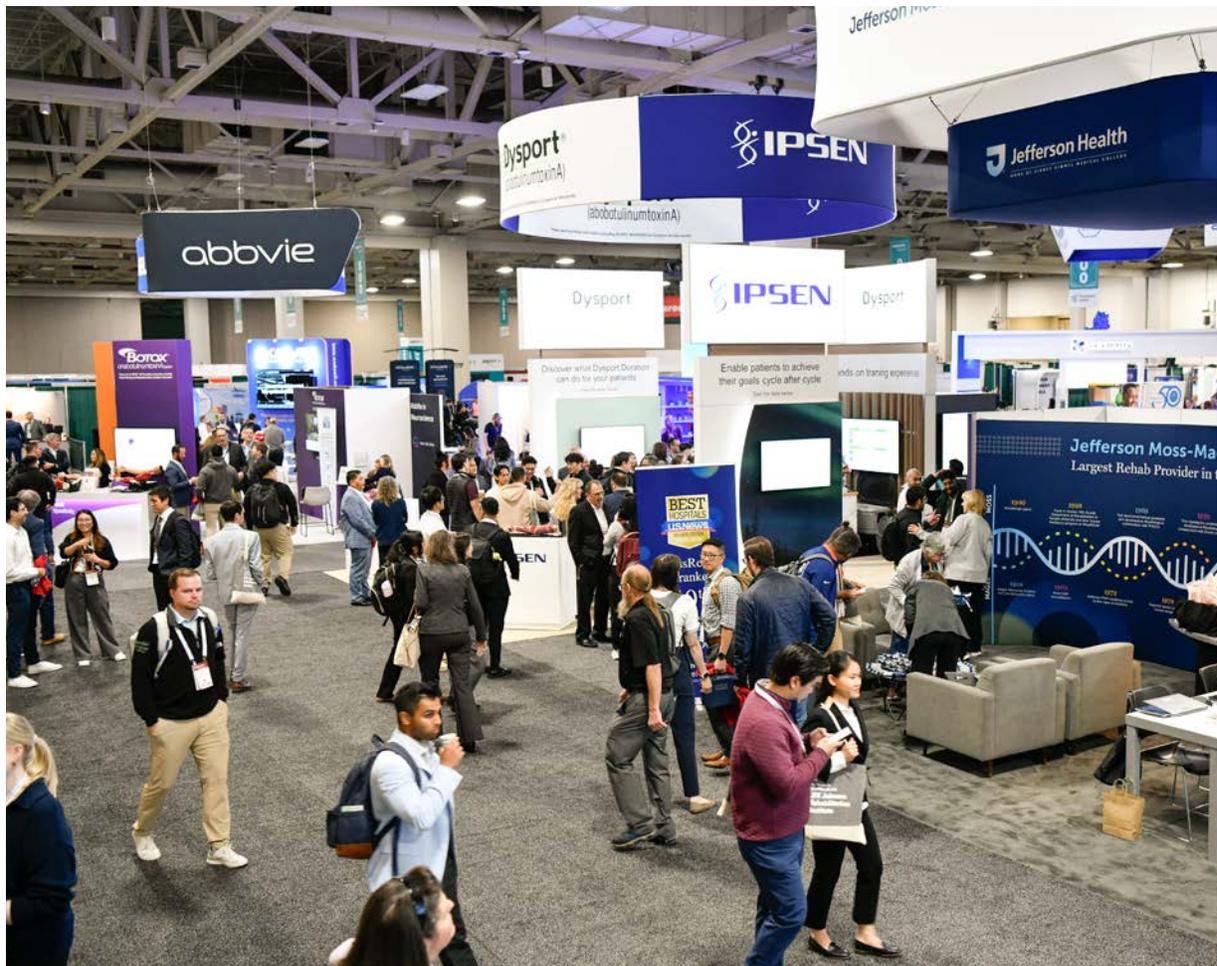
**Medical Student Program** provided an opportunity for medical students to learn from, and network with, residents, PM&R physicians and exhibitors to discuss the future of PM&R and explore the latest medical technologies, products and services.

# THE AAPM&R MEMBERSHIP DATA COLLECTION PROCESS

Attendee and demographic data are accurate as of February 17, 2026.

Attendee data excludes exhibit booth personnel and AAPM&R staff.

AAPM&R members are asked to voluntarily provide the demographic information to the Academy. The demographic information included in this report is available only for members and nonmembers who have provided this information (for example, nonmembers that were previously members) and only pertains to individuals who attended the 2025 AAPM&R Annual Assembly. Demographics provided are the most recent information on file for an individual, regardless of when it was last updated.



# ATTENDANCE BREAKDOWN

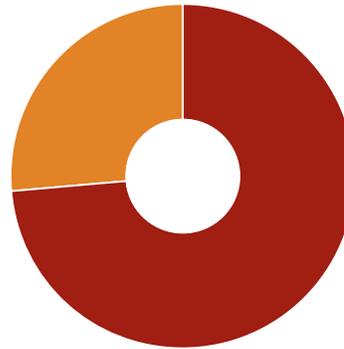
## FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE DATA

#AAPMR25 attracted many first-time attendees—both members and non-members alike.

**816**  
FIRST-TIME  
ATTENDEES

**768**  
IN-PERSON  
REGISTRATION

**48**  
VIRTUAL  
ONLY

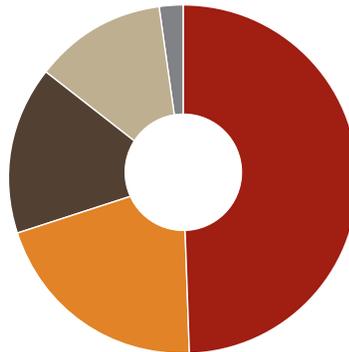


■ 605 Members  
■ 211 Non-Members

## MEMBER TYPE

Academy members make up 87.3% of 2025 Annual Assembly attendees.

**87.3%**  
ACADEMY  
MEMBERS



■ 48.4% Practicing Psychiatrists  
■ 20.7% Residents/Early-Career  
■ 15.4% Medical Students  
■ 12.7% Non-Member/Prospect  
■ 2.8% Other

## KEY INSIGHTS

- The high percentage of first-time attendees (more than a quarter of all registrants) underscores the event's success in attracting new participants.
- Most first-time attendees opted for in-person participation, indicating a preference for live engagement opportunities.

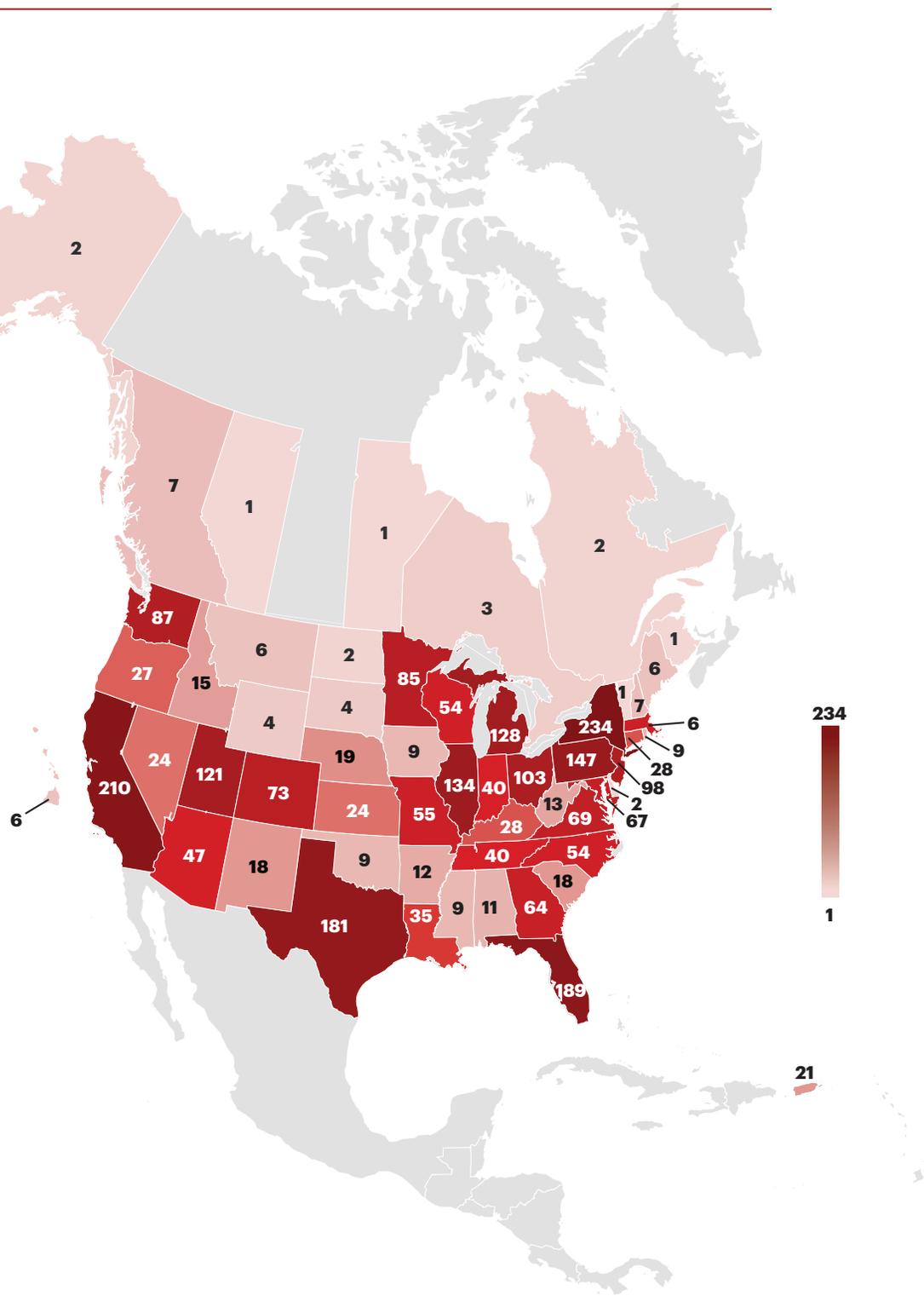
# ATTENDANCE BREAKDOWN

## NORTH AMERICA

98.9% of attendees reside in North America. The map is a geographic representation of Annual Assembly attendees from North America by region.

## INTERNATIONAL

1.1% of attendees are international.

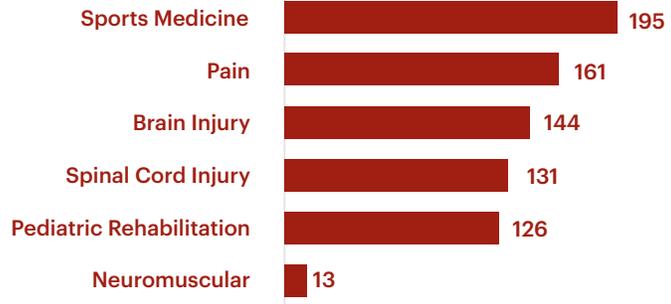


## SUBSPECIALTY

The chart represents the various subspecialty certifications held by Annual Assembly attendees.

**23.1%**

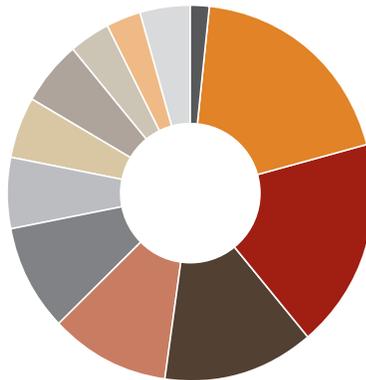
OF ATTENDEES HOLD A SUBSPECIALTY CERTIFICATION



Note: Individuals can hold more than one subspecialty certification.

## AGE

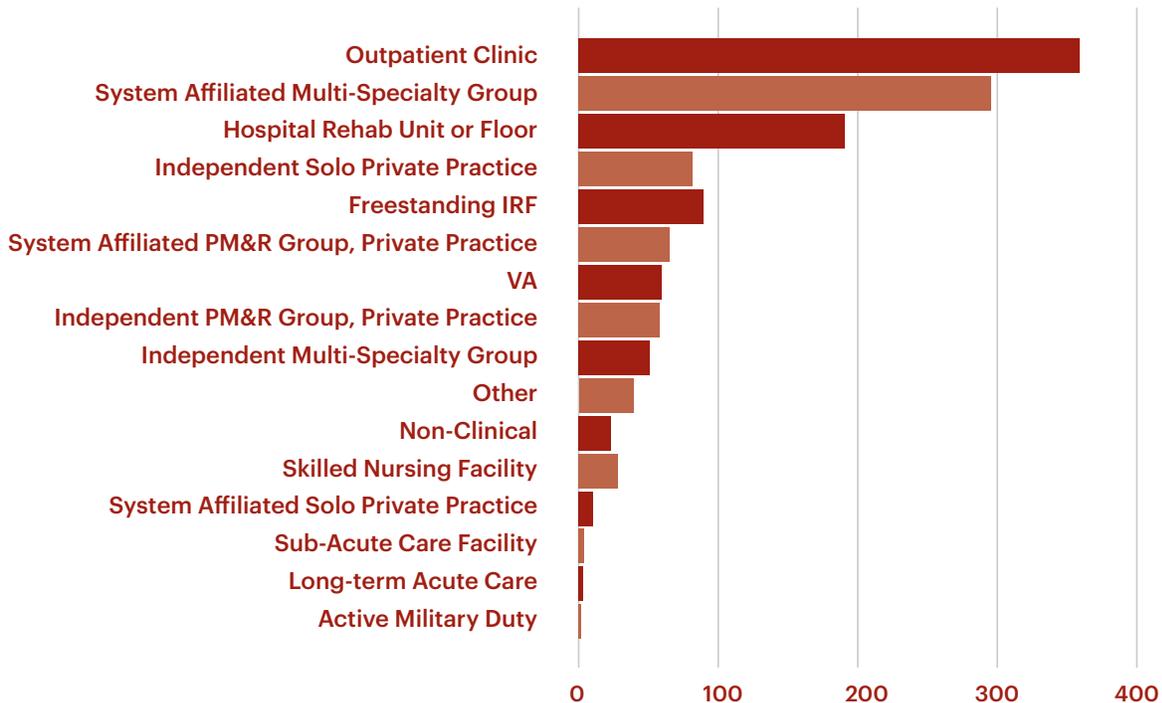
At the right is a breakdown of registrants for whom age-related information is available.



AGE	NUMBER
<25	50
25-29	533
30-34	497
35-39	369
40-44	293
45-49	253
50-54	172
55-59	146
60-64	155
65-70	98
>70	83
UNKNOWN	122

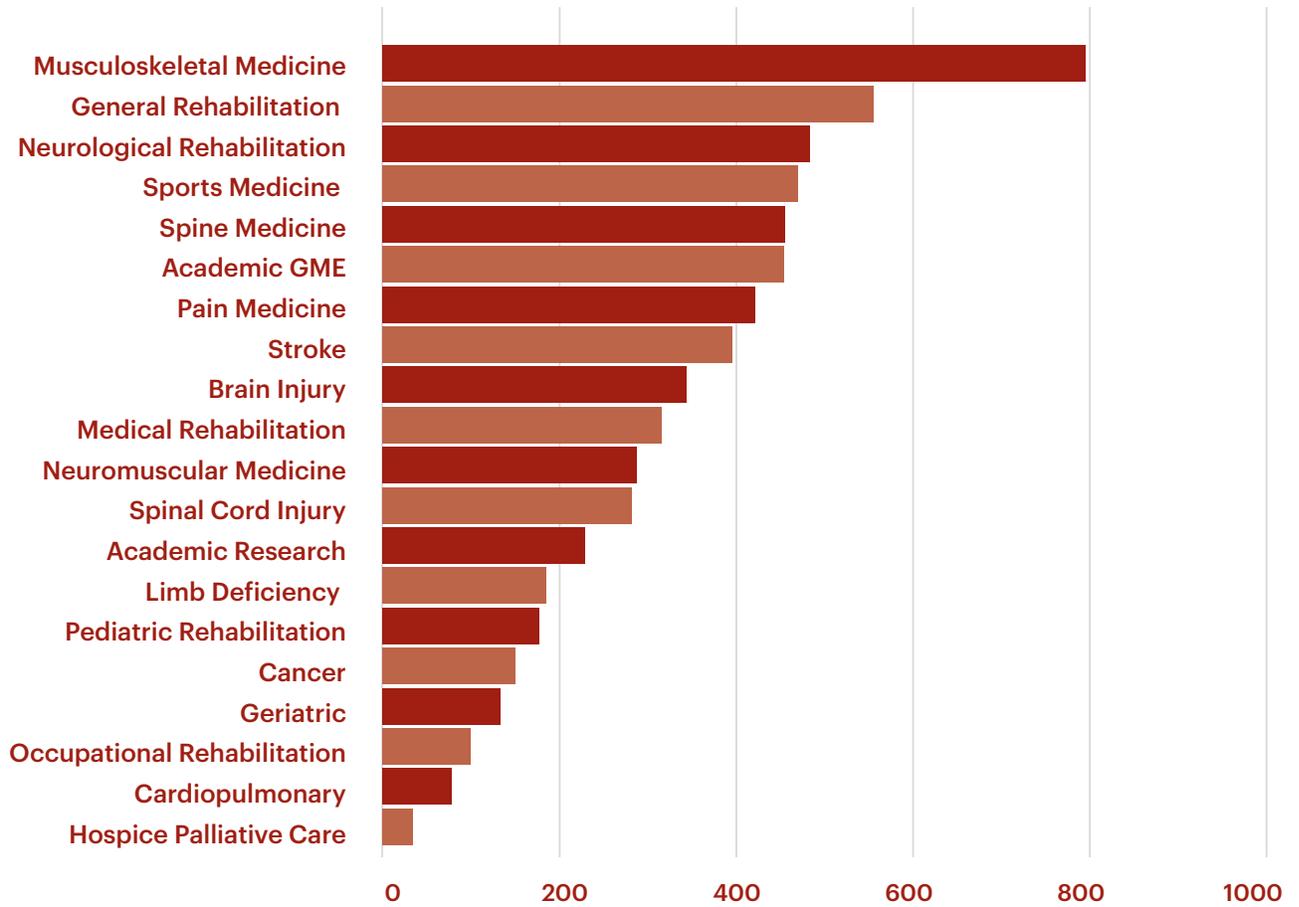
## PRACTICE SETTING

Below is a breakdown of registrants that have provided their practice setting.



## AREA OF PRACTICE

Academy members can select multiple areas of practice that best represent their day-to-day activities as physiatrists.



*Note: Individuals can provide more than one area of practice.*

# SAVE THE DATE FOR #AAPMR26

# #aapmr26

November 11-14, Orlando, Florida and Virtual

ORLANDO, FL & VIRTUAL  
NOVEMBER 11-14, 2026

Let's build on the **EXCITEMENT, NETWORKING** and **EDUCATION** from 2025—plan to join us for #AAPMR26, November 11-14 in Orlando as we continue to ELEVATE PM&R's premier conference experience. Our collective spirit will be on full display as thousands of psychiatrists meet in Orlando (and virtually) for four days filled with learning, connection and shared purpose. This year's theme—Collective Impact—highlights the power of collaboration across our specialty.

## ORLANDO WILL BE THE DESTINATION OF PM&R'S BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR!

Join us and get ready for these exciting highlights:

- The best-of-the-best PM&R education
- An exhibit hall packed with exhibitors and free education
- Non-stop networking opportunities
- Cutting-edge psychiatric research
- And so much more...!



# COLLECTIVE IMPACT

## SECURE YOUR SPACE EARLY!

Due to high demand, we encourage securing your exhibit space and sponsorships early for #AAPMR26 to ensure you get the best selection of premier spaces. AAPM&R is committed to working with you for ease of implementation.

For more information on exhibit sales and sponsorships, [click here](#) or contact SPARGO, Inc. (the official show management company for AAPM&R):

John Barrett, [John.Barrett@spargo.com](mailto:John.Barrett@spargo.com), (703) 654-6490

[Click here](#) to view the 2026 floor plan. [Click here](#) to view sponsorship opportunities.

## 2026 KEY DATES TO KNOW

- Deadline for proposal submissions: January 14, 2026
- Deadline for abstract submissions: March 23, 2026

