# 2023 AAPM&R ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OVERVIEW























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American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

# **AAPM&R BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPM&R) is the national medical specialty organization representing more than 9,000 physicians who are specialists in physical medicine and rehabilitation (PM&R). PM&R physicians, also known as physiatrists, 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. Learn more at www.aapmr.org.













### **AAPM&R ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**

Each year, AAPM&R brings the physiatric community together at the Annual Assembly to advance the specialty. As the premier physiatry-focused event, our members (and other attendees) connect, learn and expand their professional expertise. In 2023, we hosted a hybrid meeting—in-person in New Orleans as well as virtually for those who couldn't travel. Whatever way attendees chose to participate, #AAPMR23 was *Boldly Securing Your Future* and was a "must-attend" event for every physiatrist.

Our hybrid event was jam-packed with the top-notch physiatric education, valuable networking opportunities and cutting-edge research that attendees have come to expect from the Academy. Assembly content is accessible to learners for one year, with the ability to earn more than 125 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*™.

The 2023 Annual Assembly kicked off with two preconference courses—Ultrasound and Concussion/Mild TBI. The theme was "Boldly Securing Your Future," which reinforced how AAPM&R is securing the future for physiatrists and specialty alike: (i.e., in educating the specialty, in physiatric research, in advocating for physiatry, in connecting the PM&R community—and so much more).



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2,867 TOTAL ATTENDEES

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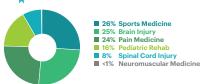
88%
OF ATTENDEES

ARE AAPM&R

**MEMBERS** 











# THE BEST IN EDUCATION



759
FIRST-TIME ATTENDEES





75 FIRST-TIME VIRTUAL ATTENDEES

70+

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

36
LIVE-STREAMED SESSIONS

MEMBER COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

PLENARY SESSIONS CLINICAL AND PRACTICE THEMES

All data taken from the 2023 Annual Assembly Demographic Report, Exhibitor Survey and Attendee Survey, Data excludes staff, quests, press, industry representatives, exhibitors, and vendors



# THE AAPM&R MEMBERSHIP DATA COLLECTION PROCESS

Attendee and demographic data are accurate as of December 18, 2023.

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 2023 AAPM&R Annual Assembly. Demographics provided are the most recent information on file for an individual, regardless of when it was last updated.

#### **ROBUST ATTENDANCE**

#AAPMR23 was a big success, bringing together thousands of physiatrists in-person in New Orleans and virtually via an easy-to-navigate virtual platform. Together, attendees united with their PM&R community to connect, learn and grow. Their energy, spirit and collaboration were unmatched as we advanced the specialty together.

2,867
TOTAL
ATTENDEES

2,293
IN-PERSON ATTENDEES

574
VIRTUAL
ATTENDEES



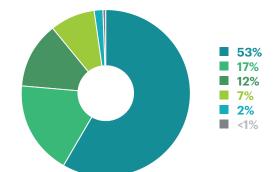


# **ATTENDANCE BREAKDOWN**

#### **MEMBER TYPE**

Academy members make up 88% of 2023 Annual Assembly attendees.





Practicing Members
Residents/Early-Career
Medical Students
Nonmember
Retired
Other

#### **PRE-ASSEMBLY SESSION**

The 2023 Annual Assembly included two in-person Pre-Assembly Sessions, where attendees could supplement their educational experience with a deep-dive into ultrasound during the STEP ONE: Ultrasound Clinical Applications of the Extremities course and the STEP Concussion and Mild TBI course. 55 and 41 in-person attendees participated in these sessions, respectively.

96
IN-PERSON
ATTENDEES
PARTICIPATED IN
THESE SESSIONS.

#### **PEDIATRICS DAY**

For the first time, this annual conference brought together pediatric physiatrists in a self-organized effort to provide timely and relevant programming focused on pediatric physical medicine and rehabilitation. This course took place on November 15 and featured presentations from seasoned professionals as well as trainees and early-career attendings. 140 in-person attendees participated.

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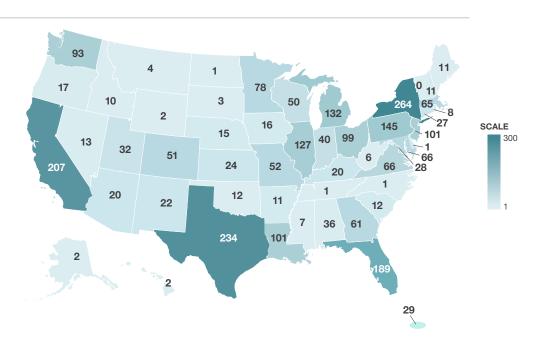
#### **REGION**

97% of attendees reside in the United States. The map is a geographic representation of Annual Assembly attendees from the United States by region.

#### **INTERNATIONAL**

3% of attendees are international.

1% of attendees did not provide an address.

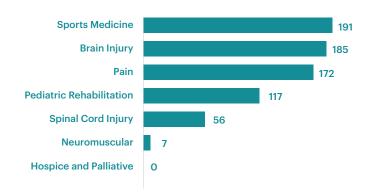


#### **SUBSPECIALTY**

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

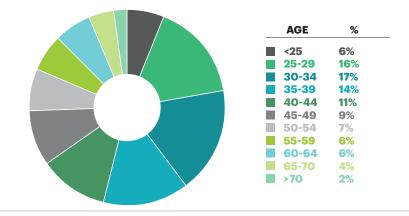
**26**%

OF ATTENDEES HOLD A SUBSPECIALTY CERTIFICATION Note: Individuals can hold more than one subspecialty certification.



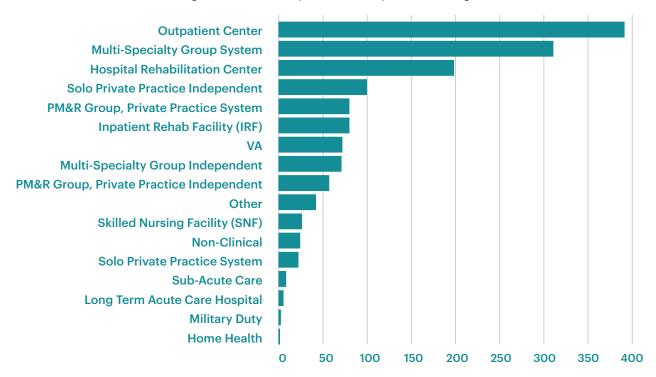


At the right is a breakdown of registrants that have age-related information available.



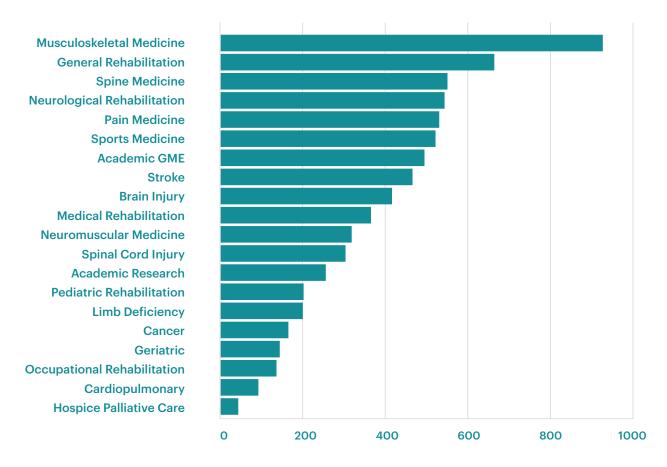
#### **PRACTICE SETTING**

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.

### **HIGHLIGHTED OFFERINGS IN 2023:**

AAPM&R continued to innovate the conference experience in 2023 for its attendees with a variety of offerings, including:

LIVE-STREAMED PLENARY SESSIONS

**Four live-streamed plenary sessions** in real-time where thought-leaders shared their insights with a highly-engaged audience. **613** people participated in a live-streamed session.

10
IN-PERSON SESSIONS

**10 In-person Member Community Educational Sessions** featuring content focused on the latest clinical and practice evidence, trends and peer learnings designed by AAPM&R's member community representatives. **736** people participated in these sessions.

70+
EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

**70+ educational sessions** (including 36+ live-streamed) with advanced content across more than 15 clinical and practice areas to help physiatrists at all career levels continue to grow and advance the specialty. Viewed **3,823** times on-demand.

1,926
TIMES VIEWED

**AAPM&R's Research Hub and Digital** featured the highest-quality, evidence-based research from PM&R professionals across all practice areas and settings. Posters were presented during the Research Spotlight Sessions, digitally through the ePoster Kiosks, and virtually through the Poster Gallery, spotlighting original PM&R research. Viewed **1,926** times.

23
RESIDENT
TEAMS

Our in-training attendees had a blast at our annual **PHiT Fest**, where **23 resident teams** faced off for a friendly game of **Pub Trivia**! The team from MedStar Health/ Georgetown – National Rehabilitation Hospital brought home the win.

11 USED CHILD CARE **Onsite Child Care** was offered for the first time in 2023 so that attendee caregivers could more fully participate. **11** attendees took advantage of this new offering.



### **A RECAP: EXHIBIT HALL ACTIVITIES**

The Exhibit Hall is where attendees came to network, find innovative solutions to their practice challenges and get ahead on the latest technology.

**138** EXHIBITS

#### **Exhibits**

**138** product and service providers, pharmaceutical and device companies, rehabilitation providers and more were featured on our 2023 in-person exhibit floor.

# 118 EXHIBITORS IN THE JOB AND FELLOWSHIP FAIR

#### **Job and Fellowship Fair**

AAPMR's Job and Fellowship Fair is the largest PM&R-specific career fair! Attendees interacted with representatives from institutions and practices across the country, connected in-person with other job-seekers and shared advice and stories about what makes PM&R such a unique specialty. **118** exhibitors participated in the in-person 2023 Job and Fellowship Fair.

1,926
TIMES VIEWED ON-DEMAND

#### **Research Hub/Digital Posters**

AAPM&R's Research Hub and Digital Posters featured the highest-quality, evidence-based research from PM&R professionals across all practice areas and settings. **700+** posters were presented during the Research Spotlight Sessions, digitally through the ePoster Kiosks, and virtually through the Poster Gallery, spotlighting original PM&R research. Viewed **1,926** times on-demand.

18
DEMONSTRATIONS
AND

# Learning Center/Career Corner

CV REVIEW SESSIONS

The Learning Center (located in the PM&R Pavilion) hosted highly-interactive, hands-on demonstrations from leading experts in physiatry on a variety of topics and new technologies. Attendees looking for career-focused education visited Career Corner—AAPM&R's one-stop career shop to learn more about the Academy's career development resources and tools.



#### **Sponsored Education and Product Demonstrations**

Attendees had the opportunity to "round out" their educational experience by participating in 2 Sponsored Educational Theaters, 6 Learning Center Sessions and 3 Anatomy Labs to help educate them on topics such as patient education, specific products and therapeutic areas.



# **SAVE-THE-DATE FOR 2024**

# Join us in sunny San Diego for physiatry's premier educational and networking event of the year!

The 2024 Annual Assembly will take place in San Diego and in the virtual world on November 6-10.

The Power of PM&R is next year's theme. As always, the Annual Assembly will feature innovative learning opportunities, valuable networking, a variety of educational sessions and hands-on workshops—all dedicated to the diverse clinical interests of today's physiatrists.

#### **Exciting Changes in Store for #AAPMR24!**

Focusing on the entire attendee experience, we are bringing the learning and fun to San Diego, including the following:

- New! Advanced Clinical Focus days will highlight advanced themes in specific clinical areas including pain and spine, pediatrics, cancer rehabilitation, inpatient rehabilitation, MSK and neurorehabilitation.
- New! Our PM&R Pavilion will be THE place to meet with colleagues and friends. Check out our new cafe and lounge with all-day coffee and snacks.
- Continuing to be as inclusive as possible, with virtual options and onsite child care.



• PM&R Party on the USS Midway

SAN DIEGO, CA & VIRTUAL NOVEMBER 6-10, 2024

And more!

Our Program Planning Committee is hard at work on this "must-attend" event. Mark your calendar and watch aapmr.org/2024 for more information coming soon.







