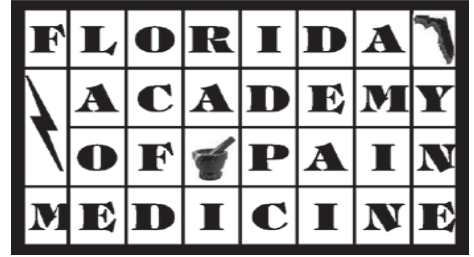


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Sanford Z. Pollak, D.O.

The time for ***FAPM's Annual Meeting*** is right around the corner, and I'm looking forward to seeing you there. As most of you know, this year's meeting will take place at The Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center in Kissimmee (Orlando), July 29 – 31. Inside this issue you'll find the meeting's ***Schedule-at-a-Glance and Registration Form***. We congratulate Fred A. Furgang, M.D., President-Elect, for putting together such a substantive program.

We are following last year's format of Friday workshops (optional) and lectures Saturday and Sunday. Enough of you told us that the less time out of clinic, the better, so we have done our best to accommodate you. We are adding a ***benefit for your spouse/guest and/or family this year***: For an additional \$50.00 they may join you at the continental breakfasts, coffee and beverage breaks, and the reception. They will be given conference nametags to identify them as paid guests at these functions.

Both the ***Florida Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*** and the ***Florida Society of Interventional Pain Physicians*** are meeting in conjunction with us, and FSPMR will have it's dinner business meeting Saturday evening, July 30.

Although Friday's workshops are optional, please take a look at them. The spinal cord stimulator and intrathecal pump workshop will also host a suture station. Knot tying boards, wound closure manuals, and needle drivers will be available for participant practice. These materials (with the exception of the needle drivers) and CDs will be given to participants to take home.

The other Friday morning workshop will focus on physical examination of the neuromusculoskeletal system, particularly the knee, shoulder, and spine. Lots of anatomy, special tests and signs, and correlating the neuro exam with the physical exam will be highlighted. We are aware of some of our members' desire to "cross-pollinate" interventional and noninterventional knowledge, and this workshop is in that spirit.

The Friday afternoon workshops will be lead by two of our favorite and consistent instructors. Andrea M. Trescot, M.D., will present on cryoablation, and Felix S. Linetsky, M.D., will lead prolotherapists through not only practice, but also recent publications regarding regenerative injection therapy.

In addition to the workshop and lecture offerings, ***the FAPM 2005 Annual Meeting will house an exhibit hall with 30 vendors***. These companies support FAPM in a big way and they look forward to "face time" with our members.

Moving from FAPM's meeting to the larger world in which we practice, I would like to make a couple of comments about this year's Florida legislative session. First of all, if you are not a member of the Florida Medical Association or the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association, you should be. We physicians must support organized efforts to protect the practice of

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medicine. Secondly, the Amendment 8/Three Strikes Bill and the Scope of Practice Bills are worth mentioning specifically precisely because they do help protect our practices. The FMA and FOMA are to be praised for these legislative successes:

Amendment 8/Three Strikes: Senate Bill 940 helps to ensure due process for Florida physicians by providing that :

- The amendment will not be applied retroactively. Only incidents that occur after November 2, 2004, can be considered for a strike.
- A single incident cannot count as more than one strike, regardless of the number of claimants or findings.
- Settlements in disciplinary cases and in civil cases cannot be considered a strike.
- The Board of Medicine or the Board of Osteopathic Medicine will review judgments in civil cases. Only cases involving clear and convincing evidence of malpractice will be considered a strike.
- Out-of-state discipline does not count as a strike.

Scope of Practice Bills: The bill allowing **naturopaths** to become licensed in the state was stopped by a 6-4 vote in the Senate Health Care Committee. We expect this issue to be back next year. We will need everyone's help to stop this bill, which allows inadequately trained persons to practice medicine, including diagnosing, treating, prescribing drugs and performing surgery. The bill allowing **pharmacists** to administer flu shots was also stopped, although the FMA had to fight it until the very last day of session. The **ARNP** prescribing bill was not heard in either the House or the Senate. The bill that would have allowed **psychologists** to order lab tests was stopped, as was the bill that would have allowed **acupuncturists** to call themselves physicians.

I encourage you to stay active with the Florida Academy of Pain Medicine, with your county and state organized bodies, and with your state and national specialty societies. As legitimate pain practitioners we can do much to advocate for our patients and our profession.

Thank you. It has been an honor to serve you this past year.

Dr. Pollak practices in Jacksonville.

Workers' Compensation

Excerpts from Workers' Compensation Legislative & Regulatory Update from McConnaughay, Duffy, Coonrod, Pope & Weaver, P.A., Vol. 6, Issue 3, June 6, 2005

The 2005 legislative session adjourned with little action on workers' comp issues...there was widespread agreement among lawmakers, regulators, and employer/carriers that the reforms are benefiting the system... The three-member panel released its biennial report that examines the state's medical benefit delivery system: It is too early to draw any major conclusions about the impact of the 2003 reforms on medical services. An informal survey of employer/carriers, health care providers, and others did offer some observations...As of yet there is no universal application of all the new laws and rules with some doctors, employers, and carriers having integrated more of the changes than others. In those areas where there is a greater familiarity with the new law and rule, anecdotal evidence suggests that injured workers' access to physicians has increased and the number of grievances has declined.

The report's major conclusion is that AHCA's Medical Services Unit should be moved to the DWC. Lawmakers transferred the medical services unit to AHCA in 1999...The report noted that AHCA lacks sufficient technological infrastructure. For example, AHCA is unable to determine whether a health care provider is over-utilizing services and not following the intent of the practice parameters provided in the 2003 laws.

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NEURONTIN® POLICY

The following information appeared in the May 12, 2005, FMA E-News:

The FMA has been working with the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to change its policy relating to prescribing Neurontin®. Physicians are unable to prescribe Neurontin® as needed for their Medicaid patients because of the restraints the Medicaid program has put on it. Currently, AHCA policy states that Medicaid will only cover Neurontin® for the two uses recognized by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and two “off label uses” (i.e. non FDA approved uses of a drug). As a result of these limitations, Florida Medicaid patients are not receiving adequate treatment in many cases. Because of this, Florida Legal Services (an organization representing low income Florida citizens) has filed a class action lawsuit in an effort to get the policy changed. FLS is looking for physicians and societies who would like to provide testimony or other assistance in this endeavor. For more information, please email Francie Plendl at fplendl@medone.org. Andrea M. Trescot, M.D., former FAPM president and current Legislative Chair, will represent FAPM in the matter

Notice of ByLaws Revision Proposal

Lorry S. Davis, M.Ed., FAPM Executive Director

You will find the Florida Academy of Pain Medicine Bylaws by going to <http://www.fapm.med.new.net/by%2Dlaws.htm>. At our annual business meeting on Saturday, July 30, 2005, we will take a vote on the proposal to delete the following from our bylaws:

Under Chapter 2, bullet 7: “The promotion of accreditation by FAPM of facilities and physicians providing medical care to individuals suffering from persistent pain.”

This item made it difficult for FAPM to get Errors & Omissions Insurance, and makes it difficult for us to renew that insurance each year.

The FAPM Executive Committee has recommended this amendment and per the FAPM bylaws, this recommendation is circulated to the membership at least 30 days prior to the annual business meeting.

H.R. 2356: Preserving Patient Access to Physicians Act of 2005

by Lawrence Gorfine, M.D.

On May 12, in the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Clay Shaw (R-FL) introduced H.R. 2356, the Preserving Patient Access to Physicians Act of 2005. The bill has subsequently been referred to the House Energy & Commerce, and Ways & Means Committees. In the Ways and Means Committee, it has been referred to the subcommittee on Health. This important bill stops the impending **Medicare** physician payment cuts and replaces the flawed physician payment formula. This bill also provides a permanent solution, so physicians can continue to give Medicare patients the care they deserve. The bill text can be found by going to <http://thomas.loc.gov/>, entering the bill number, H.R. 2356, and hitting the search button. A special thanks to all who were in the ASA Legislative Session and helped to make this possible!!

Dr. Gorfine is a past president of the FAPM and the immediate past president of the Florida Society of Anesthesiologists.

2005 CONFERENCE ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of the American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians (ABQAURP) and the Florida Academy of Pain Medicine.

The American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians designates this educational activity for a maximum of 18 hours in Category 1 credit towards the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those hours of credit he/she actually spent in the activity.

Continuing Education Schedule-at-a-Glance

Friday, July 29, 2005

7 - 8 am - Continental Breakfast/Registration

Coffee will be available throughout the morning

8 am - 12 pm WORKSHOPS

1. **Update of Spinal Cord Stimulators and Intrathecal Pumps** -

Marshall D Bedder, MD, Sarasota, FL

2. **Examination of the Neuromusculoskeletal System** -

Ronald B Tolchin DO, Miami Beach, FL

12 pm LUNCH on your own

Coffee/Beverages will be available throughout the afternoon

1 - 5 pm WORKSHOPS

1. **RIT/ Prolotherapy** - *Felix S Linetsky MD, Palm Harbor, FL*

2. **Cryoablation** - *Andrea M Trescot MD, Orange Park, FL*

DINNER on your own

Saturday, July 30

7 - 8 am Hot Breakfast in Exhibit Hall/Registration

8 - 8:05 Welcome from Lorry Davis, FAPM Executive Director

8:05 - 8:15 am - Opening Comments/FAPM President

- 1) 8:15 - 9:00 am, **Pain & Addiction: Management Options for Pain Specialists**

Sanford M Silverman, MD, Pompano Beach, FL

- 2) 9:00 - 9:45 am, **Rise and Fall of Vioxx** - *Fred A Furgang MD, Miami, FL*

9:45 - 10:15 am - Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall

- 3) 10:15 - 11:00 am, **RIT/Prolotherapy Principles & Practice in Light of Recent Publications**

Felix S Linetsky MD, Palm Harbor, FL

- 4) 11:00 am - 12:00 pm - **KEYNOTE ADDRESS, Interventional Spinal Injection Procedures**

Richard Derby MD, Dale City, CA

12:00 - 2:00 pm - Luncheon and FAPM Annual Meeting

- 5) 2:00 - 2:45 pm, **Impairment Rating: Florida Guides vs. AMA Guides** - *Anthony J Dorto MD, Miami, FL*

- 6) 2:45 - 3:30 pm, **Diagnosis & Minimally Invasive Treatment for Lumbar Discogenic Pain Due to Internal Disc Disruption** *Yili Zhou MD PhD, Miami, FL*

3:30 - 4 pm, Beverage Break in the Exhibit Hall

- 7) 4:00 - 4:45 pm, **EMG in Pain Management** - *Erick A Grana MD, Tampa, FL*

- 8) 4:45 - 5:30 pm, **Injection Therapies for Joint Pain**, *Tim J Lamer MD, Jacksonville, FL*

5:30 - 7:00 pm, President's Cocktail Reception - Open Bar and Hors D'oeuvres in Exhibit Hall

7:00 - 9:00 pm, FSPMR & FSIPP Dinner Meetings

Sunday, July 31

7:30 - 8 am - Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall/Registration

- 9) 8:00-8:45, **Chronic Pain Psychiatric Comorbidities**, *Mitchell JM Cohen MD, Philadelphia, PA*

- 10) 8:45 9:30 am **Maldynia: Pain as a Disease** - *Albert L Ray MD, Miami, FL*

- 11) 9:30 - 10:15 **Myofascial Pain Syndromes & Fibromyalgia: The Long & Short of It** -

Gary W Jay MD, Tamarac, FL

10:15 -10:45 am, Coffee Break in the Exhibit Hall (Exhibitors, Then Depart)

- 12) 10:45 - 11:30 am - **Steroids... Which One? How much? Risks & Litigation.**

Harold J. Cordner, MD, Sebastian, FL

- 13) 11:30 am - 12:15 pm - **Ergonomics & Pain: It Only Hurts When I'm Sitting at My Desk or Driving!**

James D. McCluskey MD, MPH, PhD (C), Tampa, FL

12:15 - 1:00 pm - **Working Lunch with FREE PAPER PRESENTATIONS**

1:00 pm Meeting Closure - Next President-Elect

2005 CONFERENCE HOST HOTEL INFORMATION

The Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center

6000 Osceola Parkway, Kissimmee, FL 34746

Room Rate: \$149.00 single/double, rate available through June 28!

Making Reservations: Reservations may be made by calling **407-586-0000** and by stating that you are with the Florida Academy of Pain Medicine.

REGISTRATION

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July 29-31, 2005

The Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center, Kissimmee (Orlando), FL

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Workshops (limit 20 per workshop):

Friday, July 29

8 am – 12 pm	“Update of Spinal Cord Stimulators & Intrathecal Pumps”	<i>Cadaver Class</i>	\$295 _____
8 am – 12 pm	“Examination of the Neuromusculoskeletal System		\$195 _____
1 – 5 pm	“Regenerative Injection Therapy/Prolotherapy”	<i>Cadaver Class</i>	\$500 _____
1 – 5 pm	“Cryoablation”		\$195 _____

Conference:

Saturday – Sunday, July 30-31

FAPM / FSPMR / FSIPP Member -	By July 15	\$295 _____
	After July 15	\$345 _____
NonMember	By July 15	\$395 _____
	After July 15	\$445 _____
Join FAPM (<i>Save \$75</i>) (<i>see application herein</i>)		
when registering	By July 15	\$495 _____
	After July 15	\$545 _____
Resident/Fellow/Retired	By July 15	\$ 95 _____
	After July 15	\$145 _____

Yes, my spouse/guest and/or family will join me at continental breakfasts, coffee & beverage breaks, & reception. \$ 50 _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

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Membership Application

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I am a Licensed Physician in good standing. I am enclosing my application fee of \$275.
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Name: _____

Degrees: _____

Please indicate how you would like your name & degrees to appear on documents

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Please List Professional Organizations to which you belong: _____ FMA? Yes NO

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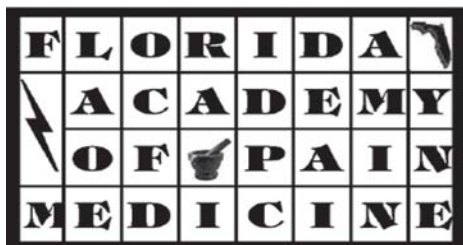


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