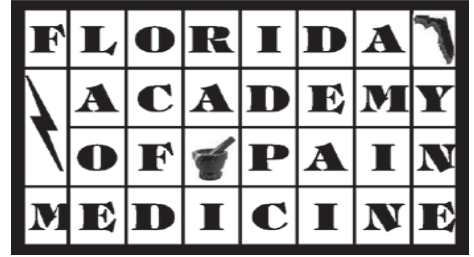


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fred A. Furgang, M.D.

The Florida Pain Coalition steering committee has been meeting on a regular basis. As you may recall, it is an attempt to bring together all the professional societies in the State that have an interest in pain management. Needless-to-say, this effort is not to advance the agenda of any particular group, but to advocate for pain patients and to advise on matters relating to access to care and management.

The one goal that the Coalition would like to move forward at this time, is the establishment of a new Florida Pain Commission. I say new, because there was a prior commission that was established back in the 1990's, that eventually dissolved (perhaps due to lack of continued funding). However, pain has become a much more central issue, not only in medical care, but in public policy as well. As we are all well aware, the burgeoning use of opioid drugs has far reaching societal implications and not all of them are good!

As we know, NASPER, the National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Act, designed to stop doctor shopping and drug diversion, was signed into federal law by President Bush on Aug. 11, 2005. The American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians worked through three sessions of Congress for its passage. Now, each state must pass its own version of the law to accommodate the federal legislation. A number of states have already done so.

Unfortunately, in this year's Florida legislative session, neither the House nor the Senate drug prescribing act bills made it through all of their committees and will not become law. These bills (HB 913 and SB 178) would have enabled all physicians to have access to a database that would enable us to determine if a patient is receiving like drugs from other physicians ("doctor shopping"), is filling prescriptions in a timely and appropriate manner, and is consistently using a single pharmacy for the procurement of their drugs.

We anticipate that these drug prescribing bills will come up again and again in the Florida Legislature until they are passed into law. And each year, until such bills are passed, we need

every physician to contact their representatives to express support for these bills.

Some objections to the above bills come from individuals concerned with privacy issues.

However, those of us who serve Medicaid recipients are well aware that the Medicaid database is under computer scrutiny for outliers for which we are notified in writing. One does not see the names of other prescribing physicians, but we are made aware of their existence by medical license number.

Medicaid has now taken this a giant leap forward. If you serve Medicaid patients, you may have received a notice from them about signing up for a pocket PC that will give you immediate access to their database via software known as EMpowerRx. This will give you instant access to the database for all your patients, your associate's patients, new patients, and a complete pharmacopia with all drug interactions, and the ability to file drug prescriptions electronically for all your patients to any pharmacy. If there ever was a deal too good to be true it is this: you get a free pocket PC for your personal use, including a Sprint cellphone and data access to the Internet. Although there are nominal limits on the use of the cellphone, you are not likely to get any bills for the service. There are no limits on the use of the Internet. All that Medicaid asks is that you use the device for frequent updates of their database and consult it when writing your prescriptions.

EMpowerRx provides complete support. They will send a representative with your brand new pocket PC to your office, who will instruct you in its use, and load the appropriate software on your office PC. Every time you pop the pocket PC into the base unit, the software and pharmacopia will be updated; you can also update the Medicaid database at this

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time. It will sync with your Word and other Microsoft programs, including your Outlook. So, any telephone numbers stored in the Outlook program will be automatically downloaded into the pocket PC. Medicaid is obviously convinced that providing physicians this access will save them money in the long run; I hope that this is so.

I recently spent two days in Tallahassee as a representative of the Florida Society of Anesthesiologists. From what I could determine, there have been no privacy issues raised in connection with the Medicaid database being available to physicians. In addition, many other states are following the same course, and I believe that this is receiving wide application beyond Medicaid. This should serve as the model for having appropriate access to all our patients. This not only assures us that we will be able to identify those patients that are abusing or diverting the drugs that we prescribe, but it will also allow the legitimate pain patient to be identified and appropriately documented in our medical records. Therefore, this is a "win-win" situation for physicians and patients alike.

(Dr. Furgang can be reached at (305) 243-4238, or ffurgang@med.miami.edu)

FAPM 2006 ANNUAL CONFERENCE – July 14 – 16, The Breakers, Palm Beach

Ronald B. Tolchin, D.O., President-Elect and Program Chair

Enclosed in this issue of PainInfo is the Schedule at a Glance for the entire meeting, listing all presentations/topics and speakers. Your Educational Committee has worked hard to bring you a program of which we can be proud. Also enclosed is the registration form.

If you haven't already signed up, you need to do so now! There is an early bird discount through June 30. You can also call our Executive Director, Lorry Davis, and she will walk through the form with you over the phone, 904 270 8886.

The entire registration mailout including educational objectives, full hotel information, etc., is on our website, <http://fapmmed.net>.

Our fantastic negotiated room rate with The Breakers is \$170.00. You can get this rate officially through June 13, simply by calling 1 888 BREAKERS (273 2537), and telling them you're with the Florida Academy of Pain Medicine. After that date, you may still be able to get that rate, depending on the hotel's availability.

Don't miss it!



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Neurontin Victory

Congratulations and thank you to Andrea M. Trescot, M.D., FAPM Legislative Chair, and Francisco X. Vilasuso, M.D., FAPM member, who through two different activities helped turn Medicaid's Neurontin policy around.

As of February 24, 2006, the state has removed the denial edit for all Medicaid gabapentin prescriptions. If the doctor prescribes Neurontin and believes brand is medically necessary, he or she needs to write that on the face of the prescription. The old PA form/policy is gone.

Florida Legal Services wrote to Dr. Trescot, "...cannot thank you enough. You were extremely helpful in this victory."

Dr. Vilasuso represented FAPM last year at a Medicaid Community Relations meeting on the issue of Neurontin. He coordinated his presentation with the FMA for that event and passed out copies of "Advances in Neuropathic Pain, Diagnosis, Mechanisms and Treatment Recommendations," reprinted from Archives in Neurology 2003; 60(11): 1524-1534, copyright 2003 American Medical Association.

OPIOID GUIDELINES in the MANAGEMENT of CHRONIC NON-CANCER PAIN

Andrea M. Trescot, M.D., former FAPM President, current Florida Society of Interventional Pain Physicians (FSIPP) President, is the first of 20 physician authors listed in an article titled like this one, and which appeared in the January, 2006, issue of Pain Physician. This journal is the official one for the American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians. The article is 40 pages, 10 of which are the extensive reference listings. The article states this conclusion, "These guidelines evaluated the evidence for the use of opioids in the management of chronic non-cancer pain and recommendations for management. These guidelines are based on the best available scientific evidence and do not constitute flexible treatment recommendations. Because of the changing body of evidence, this document is not intended to be a 'standard of care.'" The article can be found through ASIPP's (American Society...) website, <http://asipp.org/>, specifically at http://www.painphysicianjournal.com/pastissue_vw.php?jcode=27.

TWO OTHER FAPM MEMBERS AUTHOR ARTICLES FOR PAIN PHYSICIAN

An article entitled "Quality Assurance for Interventional Pain Management Procedures" appeared in the April, 2006, issue of Pain Physician, the official journal of the American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians, ASIPP. Two of the three authors are FAPM Members, Yili Zhou, M.D., Ph.D., and Fred A. Furgang, M.D. The article can be found on pages 107 – 114 of the journal, or through ASIPP's website, <http://asipp.org/>, specifically at http://www.painphysicianjournal.com/crrnt_issue1.php?PHPSESSID=c2aec40de7de1c831e66ab08747683a.



Work Comp Conference Session on Pain

The annual Florida Workers' Compensation Educational Conference will have a session on "Lumbar Spine Pain Focus: Diagnostic and Therapeutic Controversies" on Monday, August 14, 2006, 1 – 4 pm, at the Orlando World Center Marriott. Continuing education credits will be available. Topics in this session will include, but are not limited to, history and physical exam, MRI and new standing flexion and extension MRI, discography, electrodiagnostics, CT myelography, posterior facet injections, IDET, epidural injections, botulinum toxin type A injections, nucleoplasty, new advances in physical therapy, prolotherapy, rhizotomy, and narcotics. **Andrea M. Trescot, M.D., FAPM Executive Board**, will be on the faculty and will discuss in particular prolotherapy and rhizotomy techniques. **Felix S. Linetsky, M.D., FAPM Secretary**, has promised to be at the microphone on the floor of this session, and anyone else who would like to attend this session should go to the FWCI's website for details: <http://www.fwciweb.org/>.

Why We Are Here

The Florida Academy of Pain Medicine is dedicated to:

- ◆ The pursuit of a high standard of excellence in the practice of pain medicine;
- ◆ The promotion of the interest of patients suffering from pain;
- ◆ The enhancement of the scope and level of knowledge on pain disorders;
- ◆ Educating physicians to enhance their knowledge in clinical evaluation and treatment of patients with persistent pain disorders through continuing education activities; and
- ◆ Promoting a healthy socio-economic climate conducive to patients suffering from persistent pain to receive high quality and specialized medical care.

Active membership in the Academy is available to all physicians who have an interest in the specialty of pain medicine, including but not limited to:

anesthesiologists, neurologists, neurosurgeons, psychiatrists, physiatrists, and any other physician who specializes in and desires to learn more about treating patients with pain disorders.

Membership Benefits

- ◆ Educational programs designed to keep you up-to-date on the latest developments in pain medicine.
- ◆ Information resources to provide practical insight into dealing with third party payers and regulatory agencies.
- ◆ Opportunities for the exchange of information and experiences with colleagues who have encountered problems similar to those with which you are dealing.
- ◆ PainInfo, the Academy's periodical newsletter, which keeps you informed as to upcoming meetings, Academy activities, and economic, legislative and regulatory information (both state and national) which affects your practice.
- ◆ Representation within Florida's recognized organized medicine body, the Florida Medical Association, both via a seat in the FMA House of Delegates, and a seat on the FMA Specialty Council.

REGISTRATION

Florida Academy of Pain Medicine Annual Meeting
Florida Society of Interventional Pain Physicians Summer Meeting

July 14-16, 2006
The Breakers, Palm Beach, FL

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Mailing Address _____

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Check all which apply:

Workshops (limit 20 per workshop):

Friday, July 14		
8 am – 12 pm	“Better Outcomes with Spinal Cord Stimulation” <i>Cadaver Class</i>	_____ \$299
8 am – 12 pm	“Regenerative Injection Therapy (RIT)/Prolotherapy Part I: Clinical Anatomy	_____ \$249
1 – 5 pm	RIT/Prolotherapy” Part II <i>Cadaver Class</i>	_____ \$500
1 – 5 pm	“Impairment Rating: 1996 Florida Guides and AMA Guides, 5th Edition, a Practical Approach for Practicing Clinicians	_____ \$249

Conference:

Saturday – Sunday, July 15-16		
FAPM / FSIPP Member -	By June 30	_____ \$349
	After June 30	_____ \$399
NonMember	By June 30	_____ \$449
	After June 30	_____ \$499
Join FAPM (<i>Save \$75</i>) (<i>application on other side</i>)		
when registering	By June 30	_____ \$549
	After June 30	_____ \$599
Resident/Fellow/Retired	By June 30	_____ \$149
	After June 30	_____ \$199

TOTAL: \$ _____

Payment – Make check payable to FAPM or provide credit card information.

I hereby authorize use of my VISA/MasterCard: Amount \$ _____

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3 Ways to Register:

By Mail: FAPM, P.O. Box 330298, Atlantic Beach, FL 32233-0298
 By Phone: 904-270-8886 By Fax: 904-246-9233



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Membership Application

Mail with check to: Lorry S. Davis, M.Ed., Executive Director
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Ph. 904 270 8886, Fax 904 246 9233

I am a Licensed Physician in good standing. I am enclosing my application fee of \$275.
(Send check if mailed. If faxed, include Visa/Master Card # and Expiration Date.)

Name: _____

Degrees: _____

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

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License Number(s): _____

Signature _____

Schedule at a Glance
FLORIDA ACADEMY OF PAIN MEDICINE
ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND MEETING, 2006
Florida Society of Interventional Pain Physicians Summer Meeting

Friday, July 14, 2006

7 - 8 am - Continental Breakfast/Registration

Coffee will be available throughout the morning

8 am - 12 pm WORKSHOPS

1. **Better Outcomes with Spinal Cord Stimulation - Cadaver Course**
Louis J Raso MD, Jupiter FL
2. **Regenerative Injection Therapy (RIT)/Prolotherapy – Part I: Clinical Anatomy**
Felix S Linetsky MD, Palm Harbor, FL

12 pm LUNCH on your own

Coffee/Beverages will be available throughout the afternoon

1 - 5 pm WORKSHOPS

1. **RIT/Prolotherapy - Part II: Cadaver Course**
Felix S Linetsky MD
2. **Impairment Rating: 1996 Florida Guides and AMA Guides, 5th Edition, A Practical Approach for Practicing Clinicians**
Anthony J Dorto MD, Hollywood, FL

DINNER on your own

ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

“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, Inc. (ABQAURP) and the Florida Academy of Pain Medicine, Inc.

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Saturday, July 15

7 - 8 am Hot Breakfast in Exhibit Hall/Registration

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

8:05 - 8:15 am - Opening Comments/*Fred A Furgang MD, FAPM President*

I. 8:15 – 9:00 am – **Botulinum Toxin Type A Overview**

Deborah H Tracy MD, MBA, Brooksville FL

II. 9:00 – 9:45 am – **Osteopathic Approach to Low Back Pain**

Elaine Wallace DO, Ft Lauderdale FL

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

III. 10:15 - 11:15 am – **Clinical Anatomy Related to Pain**

Felix S Linetsky MD

IV. 11:15 am - 12:15 pm – **KEYNOTE ADDRESS, Overview on the Practice of Interventional and Non-Interventional Pain Medicine in the United States**

Lloyd Saberski MD, New Haven CT

12:15 – 2:15 pm - Luncheon and FAPM Annual Meeting

V. 2:15 – 3:15 pm – **Drugs, Documentation, and the DEA: A Proactive Approach to Using Controlled Substances to Treat Pain**

Jennifer Bolen JD, Knoxville TN

VI. 3:15 - 4 pm - **Pain Medicine Fellowship: New ACGME Requirements and Training for Competencies**

Andrew L Sherman MD, Miami FL

Dennis J Patin MD, Miami FL

4 – 4:30 pm, Beverage Break in the Exhibit Hall

VII. 4:30 – 5:30 pm - **Functional Medicine Approach in Complex Regional Pain Syndrome and Neuropathic Pain**

Catherine Willner MD, Durango CO

5:30 – 7 pm, President’s Reception – Refreshments/Hors D’oeuvres in Exhibit Hall

Sunday, July 16

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

VIII. 8:00- 8:45 am - **Review of Spinal Cord Stimulators for Angina and Peripheral Vascular Diseases**

Edward J Frankoski DO, Aventura FL

IX. 8:45 - 9:30 am **Low Back Pain – Physical Exam and Diagnostic Aspects**

Ronald B Tolchin DO, Miami FL

X. 9:30 - 10:15 **Interventional Treatments for Joint Pain: Is There Anything New?**

Francisco M Torres MD, Clearwater FL

10:15 - 10:45 am, Coffee Break in the Exhibit Hall

XI. 10:45 - 11:30 am – **The Injured Spinal Cord: A Model of Central Pain**

Robert P Yezierski PhD, Gainesville FL

XII. 11:30 am - 12:15 pm – **Clinical Effectiveness of Opioids and Adjuvant Analgesic Medications**

Rafael Miguel MD, Tampa FL

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

1:00 pm Meeting Closure – Next President-Elect



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