



CANADIAN ACADEMY OF PAIN MANAGEMENT

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CANADIAN ACADEMY OF PAIN MANAGEMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GOALS – 2015

The Canadian Academy of Pain Management was founded by a group of Canadian pain physicians who believed that there needed to be advocacy for not only physicians but also all health professionals who were involved in pain management.

Despite a large number of pain patients, and an increasing number of clinicians devoting their time partly or wholly to pain management, the specialist or expert status has had up to now no regulatory body acknowledgement. This creates significant problems for:

- Identifying to the public the physicians and health care professionals with pain management expertise.
- Providing credentialing to physicians and health care professionals who demonstrate preparedness to work in this field.
- Giving a voice to pain clinicians as stakeholders to address in a unified way the problems we face, identifying pain clinicians as stakeholders who can communicate with regulatory bodies, visibility with other professional associations, dissemination of information and linking together multidisciplinary health professionals.

SINCE 2005 THE CANADIAN ACADEMY OF PAIN MANAGEMENT HAS ACCOMPLISHED

- Publicizing Vision and Mission statement consistent with excellence in care of patients and their families suffering pain, and high standards of interdisciplinary pain care and evidence-based practice.
- For the last two years CAPM offers courses leading to Diplomate of Canadian Academy of Pain Management.
- On the CAPM website identifying members of the Canadian Academy of Pain Management, and credentialed members who have demonstrated the experience and knowledge recommended by the Canadian Academy of Pain Management.
- Promoting evidence-based standards of care with a multidisciplinary pain management focus. This has included conducting CAPM comprehensive multidisciplinary pain courses beginning in 2011 and continuing to 2015.
- President of CAPM was a co-applicant along with the president of CPS and several Academic Directors in Anesthesiology, to the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada to recognize a Fellowship in Pain Management, offered since 2014 in several Canadian Medical Schools. This is a sub-specialty program to Anesthetists, Psychiatrists, Neurologists and Psychiatrists.
- CAPM collaborates with the American Academy of Pain Management, encouraging CAPM members to be joint members of CAPM and AAPM. Many CAPM members are credentialed through both Academies. For those who join both, it offers access to AAPM on-line CME programs, newsletters, and yearly national conferences, and allows credentialing for both AAPM and CAPM.
- We have arrived at a consensus with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario regarding the ethics of proper representation on business cards or letterheads for individuals practicing in pain management.
- We have developed a board of directors that includes prominent opinion leaders from multiple disciplines.
- We have been participants as stakeholders in 3 working groups convened by the regulatory/licensing body the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario to develop guidelines for pain management.
- We have over 130 members nationally including physicians, psychologists, chiropractors, dentists, pharmacists, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, basic scientists, social workers, nurses, veterinarian, podiatrist, acupuncturist, and Yoga master. 25% of our members are also credentialed by CAPM, and many are credentialed by both CAPM and the American Academy of Pain Management.
- We have collaborated with Canadian chapter of the American Academy of Craniofacial Pain in educational projects in Canada.
- We are now offering Advanced Credentialing to physician members who have changed scope of practice to interventional pain management, in keeping with regulatory body requirements.

- CAPM developed an “Advanced Credentialing” for teachers and opinion leaders and researchers in postgraduate chiropractic medicine.
- We are now commencing discussions on possible development of advanced credentialing for rehabilitation personnel.
- We have a website that identifies members specializing in chronic pain, and identifying those who are credentialed Diplomates of CAPM.
- The CAPM Newsletter, is edited by CAPM Secretary Gloria Gilbert, who received in 2011 a Lifetime Achievement Award from The Canadian Physiotherapy Association. The CAPM newsletter has an increasingly effective outreach, academic, multidisciplinary focus and educational content.
- This year, we have followed the Corporations Canada process for renewing and revising our letters patent and bylaws.
- Our multidisciplinary educational courses have been offered twice a year since 2011.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AS A MEMBER

Sincerely,
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Lifetime Achievement Award Canadian Pain Society