

ADVANCED CREDENTIALING IN PAIN MANAGEMENT (FOR SPECIFIC COMPETENCIES)

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training and experience and who arrange for and pass a peer review through their respective regulatory bodies. Anyone receiving interventional pain management advanced credential should also submit a list of procedures that they have been found competent to provide as part of their interventional pain practice in Canada: this list can be augmented with time and further experience as new procedures and techniques are added to the clinician's repertoire. Candidates must also provide proof of their highest academic degree relevant to the practice, proof of current licensure of the regulatory body, three letters of Reference regarding their pain practice, and curriculum vitae showing they have been in clinical practice including pain management for two years or more, must be members of the advanced credentialing stream and a fee is applicable for advanced credentialing diploma and registry of credentialed status on the website.

They must also agree on the restrictions and ethics of using credentialed status.

(Member's name) (academic degree) (professional designation; Doctor of medicine, interventional pain physician, psychologist, occupational therapist, physiotherapist, chiropractor, social worker, etc.)

Member Canadian Academy of Pain Management
Adv.Dipl. CAPM (professional designation)

RE-CREDENTIALING

The term of Credentialing or of Advanced Credentialing is four years, following which the member must resubmit proof of current licensure from regulatory body and evidence of 100 hours of pain-related Continuing Education activities (and in case of Advanced Credentialing in Interventional Pain Management, any additional interventional procedures or skills that the member has become competent in performing).

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CREDENTIALING INFORMATION

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CREDENTIALING OF CAPM MEMBERS

For the last decade credentialing is available for members who are professionals in a Canadian regulated health care discipline. Credentialing (Diplomate or Fellow or Clinical Associate status) has been done since 2005 through cooperation with the American Academy of Pain Management – the AAPM Credentialing Committee screen the individual's qualifications (academic training and regulatory licensure, letters of reference, and curriculum vitae) and allow the qualified member to sit a standardized multiple-choice examination assessing familiarity with pain management within a multidisciplinary and integrative perspective. Those passing the AAPM initial screening and the subsequent examination are eligible for credentialing.

Many members join **both the Canadian Academy of Pain Management and also the American Academy of Pain Management** and being credentialed by AAPM automatically qualifies CAPM Credentialing Stream members for credentialing by the Canadian Academy of Pain Management. The advantage of being member of both American and Canadian Academies is having access to American Academy Continuing Education website and journal, and preferred access to AAPM professional meetings: that option remains open and encouraged by the CAPM executive. Fees payable to AAPM are applicable for assessment of credentials, and fees for sitting the credentialing examination: it is strongly recommended that you purchase the AAPM textbook (edited by Weiner), since the exam is largely drawn from material in this book. The AAPM convention for credentialing designation is that Diplomate is reserved for those with Doctorate or equivalent, Fellow for those with Masters or equivalent, and Clinical Associate for those with Baccalaureate or equivalent. (Given that the credentialing process is the same for anyone regardless of having Doctorate, Masters, or Baccalaureate degrees, and given that Credentialing is not an academic degree, and Diplomate means "being awarded a diploma", the CAPM awards Diplomate status for any credentialed CAPM member.)

CREDENTIALING OF CAPM MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT AT PRESENT INTENDING TO BECOME MEMBERS OF AAPM

To be credentialed through our cooperative relationship with the AAPM, the CAPM member must be a member of the CAPM Credentialing Stream, must [inform our CAPM office](#) when ready to apply to be credentialed. Our office then gives your name to the American Academy of Pain Management, and you apply to AAPM Credentialing office for the screening process and sit the credentialing exam if qualified. Fees are payable to AAPM for assessment of credentials, and fees for sitting the AAPM credentialing examination: it is recommended that you purchase the AAPM textbook since the exam is largely drawn from material in this book. Details of the application and qualification, with appropriate application forms are found in the Credentialing Brochure posted on the American Academy of Pain Management website. Sitting the examination can be done by attending one of the American Academy of Pain Management Annual Meetings usually held in southern USA, or can be done through Internet link at H&R Block centers in Canada, for an appropriate invigilator fee. If you pass the AAPM exam, the AAPM informs the CAPM office, and you are eligible to be credentialed by the Canadian Academy of Pain Management. (You cannot be credentialed by the AAPM unless you join AAPM.)

However some Canadian members do not have the option for credentialing in this manner, for various reasons, so for them there is a third option for credentialing but only by the Canadian Academy of Pain Management. As with options (1) and (2) above, application for Diplomate status with the Canadian Academy of Pain Management is restricted to healthcare professionals licensed in good standing with their Canadian regulatory bodies. You must provide copy of license by your Canadian regulated healthcare authority, copy of highest relevant academic diploma or degree, Curriculum Vitae showing that you are practising a significant portion of time in pain management for at least two years, three letters of recommendation from peers regarding your practice in pain, and you must have attended at least three CAPM-sponsored courses in the last 2 years (or the credentialing course which is duration three days). Even if you have provided the above documentation to other organizations such as AAPM, the CAPM office must also obtain this documentation directly from you, since CAPM office does not have access to documentation you have provided elsewhere. Although physicians are listed in the website of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, the CAPM office may use that as a crosscheck but still needs a copy of your current license

for credentialing. (Canadian Academy of Pain Management Diplomate status is not open to health care professionals who are not involved in pain management, or who are not licensed by a regulated health-care profession in Canada.) Once you have completed the above application process, you may sit the CAPM multiple choice examination which presently is administered in person after attending 3 days of CAPM courses devoted to pain management with medical and multidisciplinary focus. There is a fee for course attendance and fee for registration in the Diplomate status. You must provide on your application, the name of your specific profession (medical doctor, interventional pain physician, physiotherapist, chiropractor, occupational therapist, psychologist, etc.) and must also agree on the restrictions and ethics of advertising your credentialed status in business cards or professional material or website.

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A different type of credentialing through the Canadian Academy of Pain Management has to do with specific professional competencies in pain management and is restricted to specific professional groups and individuals with specialized skills and procedures. At this time there is Advanced Credentialing for MDs in Interventional Pain Management, and Advanced Credentialing for Chiropractors with Fellowship Degree in Pain Management.

Advanced Credentialing in Interventional Pain Management is open only to doctors of medicine in Ontario who have completed the requisite 900 hours training, and who have passed the peer inspection by the regulatory body (College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario). For the most part those who are qualified are registered change of scope physicians who have changed scope of practice to interventional pain management, and who have completed the equivalent of 900 hours or six months of training and experience in pain management, have passed the peer review observing their practice and reviewing other clinical files, and the clinic in which they work has passed a peer review. It is also open to certain specialists who have trained as Pain Subspecialists through certain academic departments of Anesthesia. At present in Canada this process has been set up only in Ontario. Other individuals who may soon qualify for the Interventional Pain Management Advanced Credential are graduates of the new Canadian University subspecialty program in pain management, physicians licensed and practicing elsewhere in Canada who have the equivalent of six months or more appropriate supervision and