

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PAIN MANAGEMENT

Pain Program

Accreditation

The American Academy of Pain Management, a multidisciplinary, not-for-profit organization of pain management professionals invites you to position your program and improve the practice of pain management. Pain Program Accreditation (PPA) is a voluntary process that provides your pain management program an opportunity to demonstrate compliance with peer reviewed standards established by pain practitioners to represent quality treatment. Accreditation by the American Academy of Pain Management signifies that your program is recognized for quality, enhanced accountability, commitment to continuous quality improvement, and the promotion of standards for care. Accreditation by the Academy represents peer recognition that your program has satisfied the rigorous standards of PPA, and is much more than a pain program in name only. Your commitment to quality pain management will be recognized by fellow professionals and patients by displaying the Academy Accreditation plaque. You will receive a press release from the Academy announcing your Accredited status that may be used to energize your marketing strategy.

A variety of pain management programs may become accredited. The three major classifications for pain programs are inpatient, outpatient and combination inpatient and outpatient. Pain programs are further subclassified into types based upon the number of disciplines providing treatment in the program. The subclassification of programs are:

- **Major Comprehensive Multidisciplinary:** Capable of managing complex pain conditions, staffed by a minimum of six disciplines all operating within the same organization.
- **Comprehensive Multidisciplinary:** Capable of managing a variety of pain conditions, staffed by four or five disciplines all operating within the same organization.

- **Small Multidisciplinary:** Capable of managing a variety of pain conditions, staffed by two or three disciplines all operating within the same organization.
- **Network Multidisciplinary:** Involves several solo practitioners accomplishing a multidisciplinary treatment approach through the coordination of their professional activities.
- **Syndrome Oriented:** Involves specialized treatment of pain patients having a particular pain condition (e.g. headache).
- **Modality Oriented:** Provides a single modality of treatment for the management of painful conditions (e.g. biofeedback).

The accreditation process involves:

- Submitting an application and processing fee
- Completing the self-assessment evaluation to determine the appropriate classification for your program
- Having an onsite survey by a pain management professional(s) of similar practice and discipline to your facility
- Receiving notification from the Board of Directors of the Academy about the results of your survey

Programs complying with the Standards for Pain Management Programs receive:

- One year provisional or three year full accreditation based on survey results
- An engraved accreditation plaque for display in your facility
- Use of the accredited pain program logo
- Press releases from the Academy to enhance your marketing efforts
- Listing on the Academy's electronic directory of accredited pain programs

The American Academy of Pain Management invites you to demonstrate your commitment to quality pain management by becoming an accredited pain facility.

Please contact the Academy for detailed information including an application for Pain Program Accreditation



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