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One word frees us of all the weight and pain of life: That word is love.

Sophocles
*Greek tragic dramatist (496 BC - 406 BC)*
World Institute of Pain (“WIP”) was conceived in 1993 for the purpose of alleviating disparate standards of pain practice through better physician educational opportunities and practical training programs oriented towards interventional pain practice. Through the constancy of mission, WIP has solidified its recognition among practitioners, scholars, and industry as a global symbol of excellence. WIP’s mission is realized through the unification of physicians, scientists, and industry specialists who believe that working together in the global arena more can be achieved for the greater good of all mankind.

Through the global network of WIP, member and non-member physicians, laypersons, and industry supporters of WIP programs, optimize the exchange of cutting-edge scientific evidence and clinical practice experience in interventional pain practice.

Through the official magazine, Pain Practice, WIP fulfills a need for scholarly, evidenced-based articles written by global experts in the field of pain medicine.

Through the WIP Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice certification program, pain physicians are demonstrating via the competency-based curriculum of rigorous oral, written, and practical examination that pain medicine is a specialized field that warrants dedicated training and recognition to ensure the best practice of interventional pain medicine and the best outcomes for patients.

Through the Excellence in Pain Practice (EPP) Award for pain centers, WIP is elevating the scope of FIPP certification from an individual quality measurement to a global standard of excellence for pain centers. FIPP directors of EPP pain centers and their associates are assuming the roles of mentors and educators in their local regions. Through the network of EPP pain centers, global advancements of pain medicine can be optimally achieved in more regions of the world.

The World Institute of Pain truly brings together the most recognized experts in the field of pain medicine throughout the world for the advancement and standardization of interventional pain practice. Through this guiding mission, physicians collaborating throughout the world are achieving higher standards of care for pain patients.
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The World Institute of Pain (‘‘WIP’’) was founded in 1993 and incorporated in 1995 in the State of California of the United States of America. WIP is a non-profit corporation, exempt under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c ) (3). Since 2007, the WIP Secretariat was established in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, USA.

**Mission Statement**

WIP’s mission is to bring together the most recognized experts in pain medicine throughout the world for the advancement and standardization of interventional pain practice and the achievement of improved standards of care for pain patients.

WIP fulfills its mission through its organization, sponsorship, and endorsement of global educational and training programs for pain physicians. These program are aimed at facilitating the development of practice guidelines and standards of examining and assessing competency in physicians who specialize in interventional pain practice.

**Aims and Objectives**

♦ To educate and train personnel of member pain centers via local hands-on training, international seminars, and exchange of clinicians. Update pain centers with state-of-the-art pain information, including a newsletter, scientific seminars, interlined telecommunications, and publication of a journal and books.

♦ To encourage members of pain centers to develop an informational database and protocols for efficacy and outcome studies.

♦ To communicate administrative and patient-related matters on a regular basis by way of newsletter, telephone hook-up, world directory of pain centers by region, and video teleconferencing (including patient consultation).

♦ To categorize and credential pain centers by mail correspondence, local information and the industry’s medical representatives.

♦ To develop an examination process for pain centers in testing trainees, and provide technical expertise in the examination process.

♦ To encourage interested industries to provide information on pain medicine in each region of the world; to bring together local pain physicians and industry for education in new technology and training; and to formulate an advanced fellowship program in pain medicine.

**How WIP fulfills its mission**

◊ FIPP physician certification program
◊ *Pain Practice*, the official journal of WIP
◊ World Congresses
◊ Advanced interventional pain symposia and practical workshops
◊ Global networking among pain physicians to advance the specialty of pain management
◊ EPP award program for pain centers
◊ WIP newsletter, website, publications
Dear Members and Supporters of WIP,

The mission of the World Institute of Pain (“WIP”) is based on the premise that through the engagement of global experts in pain medical practice, knowledge exchange, and consensus building, working together we can do more to alleviate disparate standards of pain practice throughout the world. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those who suffer from chronic and often debilitating pain syndromes.

The impact of any professional society isn’t measured by the totality of its goals and aims, or by the magnitude of its reach. The true measurement is the impact that each one of us makes as individuals, for we are the pioneers of modern pain medicine. You are, I am, the difference in our local communities and globally. We have the power each day to be the difference to our patients; the difference that demands continuous enrichment of our knowledge base by staying abreast of contemporary evidence-based discoveries of our colleagues; the difference that instills values and determination among the next generation of caregivers.

WIP’s Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice physician certification program recognizes those pioneers of modern pain medicine who choose to be the champions; the trailblazers of pain medical science and practice. Forty-two countries have such a pioneer among them. WIP recognizes and welcomes its newest FIPP-member countries of Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, and Mauritius.

WIP’s Excellence in Pain Practice recognizes pain centers whose pioneering physicians and staff are expanding the scope and reach of the significance of the FIPP network by demonstrating excellence in clinical pain practice, multidisciplinary practice, education and training, and research.

WIP’s official Sections now encompass 24 regions, including our two newest Sections of Brazil and Malaysia.

WIP’s official journal of Pain Practice celebrated a milestone with its first Impact Factor ranking of 14th of 28 journals in the Anesthesiology category and 89th of 191 journals in the Clinical Neurology category.

Thank you for your support and friendship.

Best regards,
Ricardo Ruiz-López, MD, FIPP
WIP President 2011-2013
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The World Institute of Pain (WIP) was founded 23 August 1993 in Paris, France at the Palais du Congres during the International Association for the Study of Pain World Congress. Drs. Prithvi Raj (USA), David Niv (Israel), Ricardo Ruiz-López (Spain), and Serdar Erdine (Turkey) held the first meeting about the creation of WIP. On 13 October 1994, Dr. Gabor Racz (USA) met with Drs. Raj, Nov, Ruiz-López, and Erdine during the American Pain Society meeting in Washington, DC. With a $1,000 contribution from each, WIP was officially chartered in 1995. WIP operates as an autonomous entity, independent of any other association, society, or academy. The first WIP secretariat was established in 2007 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, USA.

**World Congresses**

Since its founding, WIP has organized five World Congresses: Eilat, Israel (1998); Istanbul, Turkey (2001); Barcelona, Spain (2004); Budapest, Hungary (2007); and New York, USA (2009). The sixth World Congress will be conducted in February 2012 in Miami Beach, Florida, USA. The next Congress will be in Maastricht, The Netherlands (2014).

**Regional Symposia and Workshops**

As of December 2012, WIP has sponsored 17 cadaver workshops in Budapest; and endorsed international and regional pain conferences and workshops in London, UK; Sharm El Sheikh and Cairo, Egypt; Athens, Myconos Island, and Santorini, Greece; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Brussels, Belgium; Maastricht, The Netherlands; Chennai, Kolkata and New Delhi, India; and in the USA in New York, New York; Cleveland, Ohio; Memphis, Tennessee; Lubbock, Texas; and Miami Beach, Florida.

**Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice (FIPP)**

Since 2001, the FIPP Board of Examination has conducted 12 examinations in Budapest, Hungary; three in Memphis, Tennessee, USA; one in New York, USA; one in Maastricht, The Netherlands; and one in Miami Beach, Florida, USA. A total of 738 physicians representing 42 countries have earned certification as FIPP. eFIPP™, the electronic application for the FIPP examination is facilitating the application, payment processing, and administrative processes associated with the FIPP program.

**Pain Practice Journal**

*Pain Practice*, the official journal of WIP, was first published in 2001. It has been indexed in Medline since 2006, and is in its thirteenth year of publication by Wiley-Blackwell.

**WIP Sections**

In 2007, WIP established 17 official Sections representing regions where the FIPP population is greatest. In 2010, four more countries qualified for and granted Section status in 2011: Canada, Colombia, Hungary, and Iran. In 2012, Italy became the 22nd Section of WIP.
EPP Award

In 2010, WIP introduced the Excellence in Pain Practice (EPP) Award program for pain centers. In 2011, EPP Awards were conferred upon 14 pain centers representing 11 countries. The EPP Award recognizes pain centers that demonstrate the highest standards of pain practice. Varying levels of recognition are attainable, including specialization in a particular area of clinical pain practice, multidisciplinary clinical pain practice, and comprehensive recognition that encompasses all dimensions of pain management including cutting-edge research.

Communication and Media

WIP’s newsletter and website are WIP’s windows to the world, and showcase the many ways that WIP, through its global network of pain physicians, is fulfilling its mission. Through WIP’s media outlets, WIP aims to demonstrate that those who affiliated with WIP share a common vision to provide better education for pain physicians and deliver better relief for pain patients around the world.
Committees of the WIP Executive Board are aligned with specific organizational activities to facilitate fulfillment of WIP aims and objectives. At least one member of the Board serves on each committee. The President is an ex-officio member of all committees.

**Accreditation**

The WIP Executive Board and FIPP Board of Examination oversee the governance and operational policies aimed at achieving compliance with and eventual accreditation by American National Standards Institute international standard for certification systems.

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This committee is charged with website oversight.

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This committee is charged with evaluating the goals and objectives of WIP’s educational activities; assessing the needs of the WIP membership and proposing educational activities, and coordinating CME efforts.

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**Excellence in Pain Practice Award**

This committee is charged with overseeing the EPP Award policies, procedures, and approval process.

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This committee is charged with the responsibility of planning and organizing official publications of WIP.

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The Miami Beach Convention Center in Florida, USA, hosted the WIP 6th World Congress held February 4-6.

WIP’s participant-friendly yet intense educational activities, including “hands-on” courses, have been the hallmark of WIP’s World Congresses for decades. This format has led to the development of novel interventional techniques for the management of pain, and fostered consensus building amongst pain experts on the effectiveness of existing techniques and avenues for further improvements in therapeutic performances. The 6th World Congress surpassed the expectations of its participants who came to hear and meet renowned lecturers and to exchange experiences with pain physicians, scholars, and industry liaisons from all over the world.

The Congress chairs, scientific and local organizing committees delivered a truly world-class comprehensive program that represented the very latest evidence-based and best-practice-based pain medicine in all areas and disciplines in the field. Participants had the opportunity to exchange ideas and expertise in an international framework, met friends and colleagues from all over the world, and listened to lectures to be delivered by prominent leaders in pain medicine.

Organized in the shadows of the unfortunate cancellation of the 2011 World Congress in Seoul, Korea, supporters of the WIP World Congress collectively made the difference that resulted in a much anticipated, highly successful 6th World Congress. Thank you Miami!

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It is the right of any human individual to have access to the best possible pain relief in any and every part of the world.

We, as a consortium of professional pain societies, and as witnessed by the representatives from all continents, affirm the above declaration and strive towards its fulfillment.

The advances in medicine will continue to increase the population of healthy, young and old people all over the world.

Presently, there is still limited access to adequate treatment of acute and chronic pain in many parts of the world.

Governments and even healthcare professionals are not sufficiently aware of chronic pain as a health problem.

Many healthcare professionals are not educated and familiar with best practice pain medicine.

We demand that Pain Medicine should be a distinct specialty because of its unique body of knowledge required to treat pain patients.

The declaring professional organizations jointly and firmly agree on the right of any human individual to have easy access to adequate pain management, the necessity of generally available information about proper options for pain relief and the obligations of governments and healthcare systems to provide financial, personnel, and structural resources to achieve these goals and to guarantee adequate pain management as a human right.

With this Declaration of Miami on February, 5th 2012, the signatories of the consortium affirm that they will expeditiously and diligently work towards accomplishing the goals of the Declaration. The Pain Societies actively promote best pain medicine for all humanity; and are dedicated to provide trained and skilled personnel in their spheres of influence.

In this regard the World Institute of Pain, the European Federation of IASP® Chapters the World Institute of Pain Foundation, and the World Society of Pain Clinicians have come together to promote this mission.
Declaration of Miami

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Joining forces for better pain treatment and promoting pain medicine all over the world.

It is the right of any human being and his/her family...

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Latest evidence-based and best-practice-based pain medicine
Introduction

Established March 2008, members of the Advisory Board are selected by the Executive Board based on experience in the pain field and contribution to WIP activities. Advisory Board members serve for a two-year term and can be reappointed for only one additional term.

The Advisory Board Chairman serves as an at-large member of the Executive Board.

Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the Advisor Board are to:

- Promote membership of WIP in their region;
- Promote WIP activities in their Section;
- Promote publications of their Section’s members’ work in Pain Practice;
- Plan and organize WIP educational programs;
- Encourage members to attend WIP educational programs; and
- Help WIP administration to maintain a correct roster of addresses for their Section’s members.

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WIP Sections were established in 2007 with 17 original Sections. In 2011, four new Sections were added and in 2012 Italy became WIP’s 22nd official Section.

Each Section has a Chairman, Vice-Chair (optional), Secretary, Treasurer, and individual members. Individual members may be Regular (FIPP) members or Associate members. Only FIPP members may serve as Chairman or any other Section officer.

The Chairman of each Section serves as a WIP Council member. One of these Section Chairmen also serves as a Member-at-Large of the Executive Board.

Responsibilities

- Promote membership of WIP in their region;
- Promote WIP activities in their Section;
- Promote publications of their Section’s members’ work in *Pain Practice*;
- Plan and organize WIP educational programs;
- Encourage members to attend WIP educational programs; and
- Solicit appropriate members for the FIPP Board of Examination, the Editorial Board of *Pain Practice*, and for faculty on scientific programs
- Assist the WIP Secretariat with maintaining a correct roster of addresses for their Section’s members, and with renewal of WIP membership fees

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Sections may only be formed by FIPP certificate holders and a minimum of five (5) FIPPs are required in the country or region desiring to form a Section.

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Middle East

The Third Cadaveric Pain Management Workshop was held under the flag of ESMP with WIP. Hands-on training on interventional pain management was performed on June 28, 2012 in Ein Shams Mortuary. Four clinical case scenarios were presented with pharmaceutical management, followed by live demonstration of interventional techniques in Shalan Hospital (Mohandessin) the second day morning, on June 29, 2012. A distinguished workshop lecture on, “How not to miss diagnosis of fibromyalgia,” was made by Prof. Ali Eissa.

Faculty included all FIPP-certified pain physicians from of the Middle East Section.

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For more program information and photos of activities of the Middle East Section, please visit: www.magdiiskander.com

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WIP Section of Middle East—FIPPs (2001 to 2012)
The 17th Annual Advanced Pain Conference and Practical Workshop directed by WIP Founder and Past President, Dr. Gabor Racz and Dr. James Heavner, and organized by the Local Arrangement Committee of Drs. Edit Racz, Agnes Stogicza (Section Secretary), and Lorand Eross (Section Treasurer) attracted participants from 34 countries to Budapest.

“The stories we hear from our growing number of Fellows indicate the amazing growth of knowledge, confidence, and respect that is given by our medical communities and patients alike. The 17th Annual Budapest experience promises new excitement for those who have earned the FIPP and those who are purely expanding their knowledge base,” said Dr. Gabor Racz.

Maintaining WIP’s customary formula of delivering new and effective pain treatment modalities under the guidance of world-renowned scholars, participants spent their mornings at the Kempinski Hotel Corvinus engaging in topical lectures and afternoons at Semmelweis University Medical School in cadaver workshop sessions. This formula of didactics promoted uniform standards of excellence in pain practice while also allowing for focused instruction on procedures most relevant to each participant’s practice.

Dr. Racz added, “Our sponsors deserve our maximum ‘thank you’ as we must work together to bring out the knowledge and information for the safety and efficacy of the techniques and equipment used.”

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The UK-Éire Section of WIP is developing well with good interest. The new officers have taken up post and had a fruitful meeting. They are Dr. Patrick McGowan (Chair), Dr. Adnan Al-Kaisy (Vice-Chair), Dr. Dalvina Hanu-Cernat (Treasurer), and Dr. Lourdes Gaspar (Secretary). We wish to extend our thanks to Dr. Muhammad Ather and Dr. Charles Gauci, the previous officers who have made significant contributions and whose advice is still valuable.

The economic climate is causing change in the delivery of healthcare in the UK. A large amount of healthcare is publicly funded and as a result of this is sensitive to political decisions. Pain Medicine is sensitive to this. Pain Medicine has been enhanced by the creation of the Faculty of Pain Medicine at the Royal College of Anaesthetists a few years ago in the UK, and the Faculty of Pain Medicine of the College of Anaesthetists of Ireland.

The Section particularly promotes the value of the FIPP diploma. The Irish Faculty of Pain Medicine records the FIPP one of the entry criteria (equivalent to DAPAPM and FPMANZA) for Foundation and Ad Eundem entry to the Faculty of Pain Medicine of the College of Anaesthetists of Ireland.

In May 2012 a UK-Éire FIPP dinner is due to take place in London and it will be opened to others who wish to attend. We hope to see further WIP-sponsored meetings in the coming year.

The current membership of the WIP UK-Éire Section is 84 with 35 FIPPs and we hope this will continue to grow.

I extend my thanks to all those who have worked so hard, including past officers of the Section, to further the aims of WIP and who have given of their value time and expertise.

The UK-Éire Section has been particularly thankful to Dianne Willard and Mark Tolliver at the WIP Secretariat for their unfailing assistance.

Patrick R. McGowan, MBChB, FRCA, FIPP, FFPMRCA
**Featured Section**

**Latin America**

**Brazilian Group Advanced Training Program**

The Singular-Campinas, international center of excellence in the treatment of pain, offers a variety of courses and events throughout the year for physicians wanting to specialize in pain management. The goal of the center is to disseminate best practices interventional pain medicine and standardize techniques in line with the precepts of WIP (World Institute of Pain).

The faculty also serve as the current President and Secretary of the Latin American Section of the WIP, Drs Charles Oliveira and Fabricio Assis. They have engaged the collaboration of international teachers in organizing and teaching. Pain physicians throughout the world are invited to come to Campinas and be part of this growing body of professionals who seek to delve into techniques for pain control.

WIP and the WIP Foundation are grateful to the Singular Pain Center for contributing a percentage of their course income to both organizations.

**TESTIMONIALS**

*My course evaluation of pain medicine is very positive. A comprehensive program addressing all matters of my interest, with adequate infrastructure, in theory and practice. The team of teachers Brazilian and foreign guests was very competent in addressing the issues, bringing accurate and always willing to solve the doubts. Environment activities pleasant climate with adequate and balanced diet; attentive service from staff, leaving no demands, which could hinder my performance during the modules. Recommend the course to my friends and I do it again. DR. ORLANDO COLHADO, Ph.D., Maringá - PR*

*The course is in Brazil gives us the opportunity to train with excellent professional and accessible, with good will to assist us. Training with the techniques they did seem easier to accomplish! The classes are very interesting and cover all aspects of pain control. Loved it and am recommending the course to my colleagues and the people who ask me! - DRA. DANIELA MEDEIROS, São Paulo - SP*
In 2012, the US section began efforts to increase awareness of WIP in the USA.

The co-branding of WIP during the PGA annual meeting (with speakers, brochures, and a booth) was a first step in that direction.

Attempts to get FIPP recognized as a board certification in the US are moving forward.

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**Miami Review Course & Workshop**

The World Institute of Pain organized an Interventional Pain Techniques Review Course with Cadaver Workshops in conjunction with the 6th World Congress and 20th Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice (FIPP) Examination. This review course offered academic and practical “hands-on” training under the expert guidance of renowned professionals and practitioners from around the world, who presented evidence-based medical knowledge and clinical experience for pain-medicine physicians seeking advanced training in interventional techniques.

These educational activities attracted participants from countries of Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, India, Kenya, Malaysia, Netherlands, Panama, Puerto Rico, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Venezuela and the USA.

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**Texas Pain Symposium**

WIP was honored to serve once again as a joint sponsor of the 29th Annual Pain Symposium of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock, Texas.

Among the internationally-renowned faculty were the following FIPP members of WIP:

- James E. Heavner
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PAIN Practice, the official journal of WIP, publishes international multidisciplinary articles on pain and analgesia that provide its readership with up-to-date research, evaluation methods, and techniques for pain management.

Special sections including the Consultant’s Corner, Images in Pain Practice, Tutorials, and the Evidence-Based Medicine series combine to give pain researchers, pain clinicians, and pain fellows-in-training a systematic approach to continuing education in pain medicine.

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Impact Factor for Pain Practice increases to 2.605!

Thomson Reuters has announced the release of the 2013 edition of its Journal Citation Reports (JCR), an influential resource for evaluating peer-reviewed publications and the source of the annual Journal Impact Factors. Only a select number of journals are so ranked by Thomson for impact. The World Institute for Pain’s official journal, Pain Practice, published by Wiley, was awarded an Impact Factor of 2.605. Pain Practice is now ranked 10th out of the 29 journals in the Anesthesiology subject category and 73rd out of 191 in Clinical Neurology subject category. This is a significant increase over our 2011 impact factor of 2.207 and rankings of 14/28 (Anesthesiology) and 89/192 (Clinical Neurology). According to Editor-in-Chief, Craig T. Hartrick, MD, “This may reflect both an increasing confidence on the part of our authors in our ability to disseminate their work and the continuing efforts to improve quality made by our editorial team and reviewers.”

Pain Practice’s 2012 Impact Factor demonstrates the increased recognition of our journal in the field, and the improved relevance and quality. The WIP extends our deepest thanks to all our Editorial Board members, Reviewers, and Authors for their valuable contributions, and congratulations to Editor-in-Chief, Craig T. Hartrick, MD, Deputy Editor, Honorio Benzon, MD, and the Associate Editors on this achievement for the journal!

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In 2012, three certification examinations were held—Miami Beach, Florida, USA; Maastricht, The Netherlands, and Budapest, Hungary. Fifty-two (52) physicians earned FIPP certification in 2012.

FIPP member physicians are the backbone of the World Institute of Pain/ Those who serve in leadership roles are essential to the preservation and advancement of the global mission of WIP.

Along with certification comes the continuous responsibility of FIPP-certified physicians to help preserve and grown the society through membership and participation in scholarly activities that advance the practice of interventional pain practice locally, regionally, and internationally.

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Splanchnic nerves : technique

- Patient in prone position
- X-ray in oblique position only 5-10°
- Identify the 11th and 12th vertebra
- Insertion is just lateral of the vertebral body
- Give some local anesthetic to the skin
- If you use a curved blunt needle, use an angiocath
- Place it in tunnel vision check lateral
- Position should be posterior of the foramen intervertebrais
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- Indonesia
- Jordan
- Mauritius
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**Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Pain Practice**

**BELGIUM**
- Multidisciplinary Pain Centre (Genk)
  Director: Jan Van Zundert, MD, PhD, FIPP

**TURKEY**
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  Director: Serdar Erdine, MD, FIPP

**USA**
- University of Washington Center for Pain Relief (Seattle, Washington)
  Director: Alex Cahana, MD, FIPP

**Multidisciplinary Clinical Pain Practice**

**ARGENTINA**
- Centro de Atencion Integral del Dolor Buenos Aires
  Director: Juan Carlos Flores, MD, FIPP

**BRAZIL**
- Singular—Centro de Controle Da Dor (Campinas, Sao Paulo)
  Director: Fabricio Dias Assis, MD, FIPP

**INDIA**
- DARADIA: The Pain Clinic (Kolkata, West Bengal)
  Director: Gautam Das, MD, FIPP

**ITALY**
- IRCCS Centro di Riferimento Oncologico della Basilicata (Rionero in Vulture)
  Director: Pasquale de Negri, MD, FIPP

**KOREA**
- Pain Center of Dept of Anesthesiology-Pain Medicine, Seoul National University Hospital (Seoul)
  Director: Yong Chul Kim, MD; Chair: Sang Chul Lee, MD, PhD, FIPP

**NETHERLANDS**
- Multidisciplinair Pijncentrum Lievensberg Ziekenhuis (Halsteren)
  Director: C.W.J. van Tilburg, MD, FIPP

**SWITZERLAND**
- Centre de la Douleur Clinique Cecil (Lausanne, Vaud)
  Director: Philippe Mavrocordatos, MD, FIPP

**USA**
- University of Cincinnati Pain Management Division—Anesthesiology (Cincinnati, OH)
  Director: Hammam Akbik, MD, FIPP

- Utah Center for Pain Management and Research DBA Nexus Pain Center (Provo, UT)
  Director: Richard Rosenthal, MD, FIPP

**Clinical Pain Practice**

**USA**
- ACME Pain Care (Algonquin, Illinois)
  Director: Vikram B. Patel, MD, FIPP

**Clinical Pain Practice Specializing in Musculoskeletal Pain Syndromes**

**AUSTRALIA**
- Metro Spinal Clinic (Caulfield, South, Victoria)
  Directors: David Vivian, MBBS; Bruce Mitchell, MBBS, FIPP; Paul Verrills, MD, FIPP
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