

GEORGIA PAIN INITIATIVE
Strategic Plan
At A Glance

Mission Statement

To improve the quality of life of Georgia's children and adults affected by pain through education, advocacy, public policy, and the promotion of excellence in clinical practice.

Education & Awareness

Promote an educational environment that maximizes the optimal practice of pain management

Objectives

- I. Identify and publicize educational resources for pain management
 - A. Maintain GPI website
- II. Provide educational resources to public, health care providers, people with pain
 - A. Develop campaign to address conversations about pain for physicians and patients
 - B. Continue to develop professional education for pain management to practicing physicians, pharmacists, nurses, students, and other healthcare providers
 - C. Develop and distribute public education related to pain management to civic groups including schools, senior centers, etc.
- III. Establish minimum standards for healthcare provider pre-practice education on pain management

Stakeholders

Maximize stakeholder knowledge and involvement.

Objectives

- I. Identify key stakeholders
- II. Provide regular communication and information to stakeholders
 - A. Newsletter
 - B. Conference calls
 - C. Website updates
- III. Key stakeholders are involved in implementing the work of GPI
 - A. Engage stakeholders as members of committees
 - B. Involve stakeholders in specific projects

Measurable Outcomes

Compile and report data on the extent and quality of pain management provided by facilities and health care providers around the state.

Objectives

- I. Determine existing competency standards for pain management competency standards for physicians, nurses and pharmacists
 - A. Analyze existing pain report cards
 - B. Identify existing pain management competencies in Health Care Provider evaluations in each category (HH, Hospice, NH, and Hospital)
- II. Establish and define competency standards based on collected data
- III. Collect and report data around pain management competencies
 - A. Research management and reporting of data from current pain initiatives
 - B. Obtain grant to produce reporting of data

Infrastructure and Funding

Provide a sustainable operational framework to establish and maximize support for the GPI

Objectives

- I. Develop and implement a funding strategy (partnerships and sources)
 - A. Appoint ad-hoc committee to determine funding resources and opportunities
- II. Develop and improve structure of GPI
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- III. Determine succession plan for continuation of Georgia Pain Initiative
- IV. Develop annual assessment and evaluation process

Public Policy

Promote a balanced policy environment (legal, regulatory, legislative).

- I. Work with State Boards to adopt and promote guidelines for effective pain management
- II. Ensure that state legislation and regulatory changes considered are balanced with regard to pain management (including but not limited to the creation of a Georgia Prescription Monitoring Program)
- III. Work with Medicare and GA Medicaid to promote balanced approach
 - A. Involve representative from Public Health and Federally Qualified Health Centers on GPI Steering Committee
 - B. Monitor changes to Medicaid funding based on Affordable Care Act and budget in Georgia