

Who is the Georgia Pain Initiative?

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State Pain Initiatives

- Why Form a State Pain Initiative?
 - Pain is a complex issue
 - Address both practice and policy aspects of pain
 - Work towards a balanced approach
 - States can work together on pain issues
 - Facilitate work with national organizations
 - Supported by the Alliance of State Pain Initiatives

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Georgia Pain Initiative

- Why Form Georgia Pain Initiative?
 - Georgia Cancer Pain Initiative
 - Pain Policy Report Card
 - Pain and Policy Studies Group
 - House of Representatives Study Committee on Pain Management (2007)
 - Georgia Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan (2008 - 2012)
 - Georgia Pain Forum (November 2007)
 - Other states – successful initiatives

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Who is Involved?

- Partnership
 - Georgia Cancer Pain Initiative, Alliance of State Pain Initiatives, American Cancer Society
- Led by 24-member steering committee
- Members include...
 - Both individuals and organizations
 - Membership application

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Georgia Pain Initiative Mission

The Georgia Pain Initiative serves to improve the quality of life for Georgia's children and adults affected by pain through education, advocacy, public policy, and the promotion of excellence in clinical practice.

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GPI Strategic Plan

- Education and Awareness
 - Promote an educational environment that maximizes the optimal practice of pain management*
- Stakeholders
 - Maximize stakeholder knowledge and involvement.*
- Infrastructure and Funding
 - Provide a sustainable operational framework to establish and maximize support for the Georgia Pain Initiative.*
- Public Policy
 - Promote a balanced policy environment (legal, regulatory, legislative).*
- Measurable Outcomes
 - Increase accountability of healthcare providers*

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Accomplishments

- Improved our state's pain policy grade from a D+, which was the lowest grade in the country...to a B
- Received grant from Alliance of State Pain Initiatives
- Offered trainings to medical, nursing and pharmacy students on pain management
- Established and maintained a website, www.georgiapaininitiative.org of resources for patients and health care providers.
- Received commendation from Governor Sonny Perdue for our work in pain management

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Accomplishments

- Recruited individuals and organizations to become members of the GPI
- Provide network of individuals to respond to needs
 - Calls for speakers
 - Requests for information
- Partnerships with national and state organizations
 - Center for Advancement of Palliative Care
 - Georgia Institute of Gerontology
 - others

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Ongoing Projects

- Provide educational opportunities for health students and practicing health care providers
- Provide education programs to community organizations
- Establish minimum standards for healthcare provider pre-practice education on pain management
- Work with health care providers and health care facilities to develop a Pain Management Report Card to measure patient satisfaction

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Ongoing Projects

- Incorporate pain management metrics into existing healthcare providers' evaluation processes.
- Assist with funding and distribution of FSMB guide "Responsible Opioid Prescribing" by Dr. Scott Fishman
- Work with State Pharmacy and State Nursing Board to develop joint pain management guidelines
- Promote balanced pain management policies at the organizational, local and state level

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Become Involved....

- Become a member of the Georgia Pain Initiative
 - Join one of the workgroups
 - Membership application or on-line
- Suggest resources and information to Georgia Pain Initiative website
- Add to our list of pain management speakers and experts
- Promote GPI training opportunities

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Questions

Steering Committee Members

Website – www.georgiapaininitiative.org

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