



# Newsletter

Academic Consortium for Integrative Medicine & Health

## Three New Officers Elected to the Board

### New Vice Chair - Rick Hecht, MD, UCSF



Dr. Frederick (Rick) Hecht is Professor of Medicine, UCSF and Director of Research, UCSF Osher Center for Integrative Medicine. Dr. Hecht was

instrumental in building the research program at the UCSF Osher Center, leads a team of eight research faculty, and co-directs the Center's Training in Research in Integrative Medicine fellowship program. Throughout this time, he has continued his own research program in integrative medicine, focused on mind-body interventions, and includes integrative medicine in his clinical practice. Active in the Consortium since 2002, Dr. Hecht served as chair of the Program Committee for the Congress in 2012 and 2014. For the Congress in 2016, Dr. Hecht served as co-chair of the Organizing Committee and oversaw expanding the congress to encompass research, clinical care, education and policy tracks.

### New Member-at-Large to Complete Vacant 1 Year Term - Adi Haramati, PhD, Georgetown University



Dr. Aviad Haramati is Professor of Physiology, Department of Biochemistry, Molecular & Cellular Biology and Medicine at Georgetown University School

of Medicine. Since 2013 he has also served as the founding director of the Center for Innovation and Leadership in Education (CENTILE) at Georgetown University Medical Center. Dr. Haramati has been very active in the Consortium since its inception serving as the first Vice Chair from 2002-2005. He served as the site host for meetings of the Steering Committee in 2004 and 2005, and the full Consortium membership in 2007. Dr. Haramati served as the program chair for the first Congress in 2006, and chaired or had major leadership roles in the Congresses from 2009 to 2016. Dr. Haramati represents the Consortium on the Council of Faculty and Academic Societies of AAMC. In 2012, Dr. Haramati received the Consortium's first Bravewell Distinguished Service Award.

### New Member-at-Large for 3 Year Term - Amy Locke, MD, University of Utah



Dr. Amy Locke is Associate Professor of Family and Preventive Medicine at the University of Utah School of Medicine, is co-director

of the University of Utah Resiliency Center and directs the School of Medicine Pathway in Health Promotion and Integrative Health. Dr. Locke has held other professional leadership positions including Integrative Medicine Fellowship Director at the University of Michigan, chair of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Group on Integrative Medicine and the Adolescent Member Interest Group for the American Academy of Family Medicine. In 2013, Dr. Locke was instrumental in planning the Consortium's Steering Committee meeting in Ann Arbor and the International Congress for Clinicians in IM. She served on the Fellowship Committee from 2011-2014, and was elected Vice Chair and Chair of the Clinical Working Group 2013-2016.

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## Clinical Working Group Survey

By Sonia Sosa and Marni Hillinger

The Clinical Working Group, in collaboration with the Policy Working Group, is very excited to announce an important survey initiative put forth in order to provide our members with insightful information regarding the business operations and clinical landscape of all of our member organizations. Our hope is that this information serves as a valuable resource for each of you, as we collectively work to supportive integrative health within the greater healthcare system.

In 2012, the business sub-committee of the CWG launched a similar pilot survey. After much discussion with members and researchers, this new survey has been honed to hopefully better meet member needs. In order to provide the most accurate data, we are hoping for full participation. In order to enhance participation in the survey all member institutions will be asked to provide a key contact person to whom the survey will be sent. This survey will be the first of several surveys that will be utilized to really get a picture of how Academic Integrative Medicine is practiced in this country.

We are thankful for the work of many who have been involved in all aspects of the study including Katrina Nelsen, at Vanderbilt, who has been the brains behind actually creating the online version of the survey.

### The Survey Team

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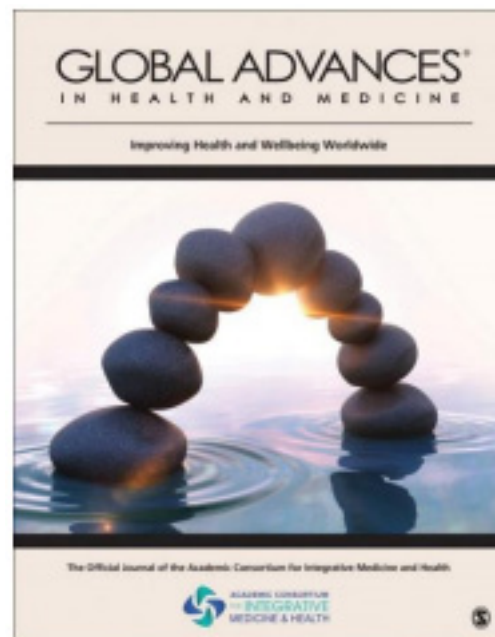
# Announcing a Special Collection\* for *Global Advances in Health and Medicine*

By Gurjeet Birdee, Associate Editor, *Global Advances* and Chair, Research Working Group

Pain is the most common reason people seek complementary and integrative health approaches. With widespread overuse of opioids for chronic pain, integrative therapies provide a vital role for pain management in public health. Research is necessary to advance our understanding for the effectiveness, safety, and implementation of integrative therapies for chronic pain. *Global Advances in Health and Medicine* is announcing a Special Collection on **Integrative Medicine for Chronic Pain Management**.

Submissions of interest include:

- Epidemiological studies of integrative therapies implemented in chronic pain populations.
- Behavioral or biological studies that advance understanding of potential mechanisms of integrative therapies for chronic pain including central sensitivity.
- Clinical studies examining the effectiveness of integrative therapies for chronic pain management.
- Results or methods papers (e.g., study protocols) of clinical studies designed to evaluate the effectiveness of innovative integrative therapies for the prevention, management, or treatment of opioid use disorder.
- Systematic reviews or meta-analyses that synthesize data on integrative therapies for a chronic pain condition.
- Expert clinical review for the



rationale, potential mechanisms, and implementation of integrative therapies for chronic pain.

- Qualitative research studies examining the use of integrative therapies among chronic pain populations including perceived and reported benefits, risks, barriers and facilitators to use.
- Case reports of effective integrative therapies for chronic pain management.

**The deadline for submissions is November 30, 2018.**

*\*Special Collections are akin to a Special Issue in a subscription/traditionally published journal.*

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# Launch of a New Congressional Caucus



**Rep Mike Coffman (R-Colorado), Rep Jared Polis (D-Colorado) and Dr. Len Wisneski (Chair, IHPC and Consortium Member)**

The field of integrative health has a new platform thanks to the effort of Len Wisneski, MD who is both the Chair of the Integrative Healthcare Policy Consortium and a member of the Consortium, having affiliations with George Washington University, Georgetown University and the University of Colorado. Residing in Colorado and active on the medical faculty at the University of Colorado's Anschutz Medical Campus, Dr. Wisneski and the IHPC Executive Director, Susan Haeger, met with two Colorado Congressional Representatives, who share an interest in integrative health, wellness and disease prevention – Mike Coffman (R-Colorado) and Jared Polis (D-Colorado).

A new Congressional Caucus was launched on Capitol Hill on March 15, 2018 as the culmination of these formative discussions. The collective efforts of Reps. Coffman and Polis, supported by IHPC, brought key Congressional staff members representing the House of Representatives and Senate; and elected officials from the states of Alaska, Colorado, Georgia, Maryland, Michigan, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas and Utah to this first meeting of the Caucus.

Introduced by Dr. Len Wisneski, Rep. Mike Coffman welcomed everyone -- "I think it's important for patients to have all the facts and latest research when it comes to therapies and treatments available to them when making medical decisions," Coffman said, "This is why, it was my honor to welcome the Integrative Health and Wellness Caucus members to Capitol Hill last week."

Rep. Jared Polis stated, "Through this Caucus we are having conversations about how Congress can solve the major healthcare issues of this country and better meet the healthcare needs of everybody, including integrative health and wellness options." He also emphasized the importance of the timing of this Caucus to bring attention to successful non-pharmacological and other whole-person care options to the nation's pain management crisis and opioid epidemic - which the Council on Foreign Relations cites as beyond the risks it poses to public health, it is becoming a drag on the economy and a threat to national security.

Other caucus attendees included representatives from the US Department of Defense, the US Department of Veterans Affairs and the US Air Force Medical Service. Among those who created the "standing room only" crowd were also representatives from as many as thirty medical groups, insurers, hospitals, service providers, learning institutions, as well as many of the Partners in Health organizations that make up IHPC.

While the Caucus will focus on all aspects of integrative health and wellness, the presentations at the launch focused on the current crisis confronting the nation in terms of managing pain and particularly the need for non-pharmacological approaches. In addition to Dr. Len Wisneski, speakers included Margaret Chesney, PhD, Past Chair, Academic Consortium for Integrative Medicine and Health and Former Deputy Director of NCCIH; Eric Schoomaker, MD, PhD, LTG U.S. Army (RET), former U.S. Army Surgeon General and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Medical Command; and Benjamin Kligler, MD, National Director of the Integrative Health Coordinating Center Office of Patient-Centered Care & Cultural Transformation at the Veterans Health Administration (VA).

IHPC is to be congratulated for creating this exceptional opportunity for the Integrative Medicine and Health Community. Leaders of the Consortium have indicated a deep interest in supporting the efforts of IHPC and collaborating in ways to inform and educate Congress, policy-makers and government agencies about benefits the nation will experience when healthcare is oriented to promoting health and resilience, preventing disease and fostering wellness.

# International Congress *on* **INTEGRATIVE** Medicine & Health

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## Don't Miss These Breakfast Roundtables

### WEDNESDAY - 7:30-8:30am

**For Students:** "Navigating a Research Career Path"

Moderators: *Alejandro Chaoul, PhD (MD Anderson Cancer Center); Gloria Yeh, MD (Harvard Medical School)*

This roundtable will provide an opportunity to hear about how to get involved in on-going research projects while a student, exploring possibilities for applying for small pilot study funds at academic institutions, and considering applying for a post-doctoral or other training experience in integrative medicine research.

**For Students:** "Navigating a Clinical Career Path"

Moderators: *Pooja Amy Shah, MD (Columbia University); Sonia Sosa, MD (Oregon Health and Science University); and Farshad Fani Marvasti, MD (University of Arizona College of Medicine Phoenix)*

This roundtable will provide an opportunity to learn about clinical IM training as both a resident and fellow, other types of training such as medical acupuncture and mind-body medicine, and how to fold IM into standard Western allopathic care.

**Philanthropy 101 : The Good, the Bad and the Fantastic**

Moderators: *Francois Adan, MD (University Hospitals) and Susan Carter (Vanderbilt University)*

This roundtable will discuss fundraising strategies for integrative medicine and

health centers, including creating events for identifying potential donors, writing messages that work, and cultivating known donors.

### THURSDAY - 7:30-8:30am

**"Creative Art Therapies and Health: Early Evidence and Long-Range Promise"**

Moderators: *Emmeline Edwards, PhD (NIH/NCCIH); Wen Chen, PhD (NIH/NCCIH); and Sunil Iyengar (National Endowment for the Arts)*

This roundtable discussion will focus on recent neuroscience research suggesting activation of sensorimotor, cognitive and emotional processes while engaged in creative art forms.

**"Lessons Learned about Pain Management: The Power of Integrative Health, Nature, and Community"**

Moderators: *Tobi Fishel, PhD (University of Southern California) and Philip Appel, PhD (Medstar Health, Georgetown University)*

This breakfast roundtable will focus on the Behavioral Medicine contributions to the treatment and management of persistent pain.

**"Ayurveda: Contributions to Integrative Medicine and Research Challenges."**

Moderators: *Anand Dhruva, MD (USCF Osher Center for Integrative Medicine); Julia Arnold, PhD, (NCI); and G. Douglas Beech, DC (Bethesda, MD)*

This roundtable will provide a forum for discussing the contributions of Ayurveda to the clinical practice of integrative medicine. The roundtable will also address

the challenges of Ayurveda research methodologies, especially for use in cancer prevention, care, and survivorship.

### FRIDAY - 8:00-9:00am

**"Integrative mental health: where do we stand, where do we go?"**

Moderators: *Rogiers Hoenders, MD, PhD (University of Groningen, Netherlands); Scott Shannon, MD, (University of Colorado Children's Hospital); and Ronald Glick, MD (University of Pittsburgh)*

This breakfast roundtable is organized to focus on integrative mental health from clinical, research, educational and policy perspectives.

**"The Integrative Medical Cannabis Forum"**

Moderators: *Mikhail Kogan, MD (George Washington University) and Leslie Mendoza Temple, MD, ABOIM (University of Chicago)*

The discussion will go beyond the basic endocannabinoid system lecture and delve deep into sharing clinical pearls and navigating complex medical cannabis certification challenges. Participants are encouraged to share their triumphs and challenges on medical cannabis certification in their own state. Or, if this is not available in your state, come learn about the process from colleagues.

Visit [internationalcongress.imconsortium.org/program\\_schedule.cfm](http://internationalcongress.imconsortium.org/program_schedule.cfm) for full descriptions of each roundtable.

# 2018 Members Meeting

May 6-7, 2018 | Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel | Baltimore, MD

<b>Saturday, May 5, 2018</b>		<b>Room (subject to change)</b>
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Galena
<b>Sunday, May 6, 2018</b>		
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Galena
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Open Meeting for all members with Steering Committee, Senior Leadership Advisory Council and Board of Directors	Essex A-C
3:15 PM - 5:00 PM	Member Engagement	Waterview Ballroom
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Consortium Café	Waterview Ballroom
7:00 PM	Dinner on your own	
<b>Monday, May 7, 2018</b>		
6:30 AM - 7:15 AM	Optional Wellness Activity	
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Breakfast	Harbor A/B Foyer
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Welcome/State of the Consortium	Harbor A/B
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Break	Harbor A/B Foyer
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Institution Introductions	Harbor A/B
12:15 PM - 2:00 PM	Lunch	
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Working Group Meeting	
	Clinical Working Group	Essex A
	Education Working Group	Essex B
	Policy Working Group	Essex C
	Research Working Group	Iron
4:15 PM - 5:30 PM	Closing Session	Harbor A/B
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Event at The Institute for Integrative Health/Awards	

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# LEAPS

This June, twenty remarkable students will arrive in Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside, California, and spend five days immersed in LEAPS, a flagship program of the Consortium. This year's program will be led by Marni Hillinger, MD who has served as the Co-director with Henri Roca, MD since 2016. Dr. Roca has done an outstanding job serving as faculty since 2010, co-director in 2013-2014, and as director since the 2014-2015 program and will be continuing on its faculty. During this time, Dr. Roca successfully transitioned LEAPS from its original home at Kripalu in Massachusetts to Mission San Luis Rey and built a remarkable partnership with the Center for Integrative Medicine at the University of California San Diego, where Dr. Gene (Rusty) Kallenberg serves as executive director and Ms. Lauray MacElhern, also the Chair of the Clinical Working Group, is the managing director. The UCSD faculty has provided significant support and involvement in this program.

Mission San Luis Rey has turned out to be an ideal site. As the largest and oldest of the California Missions, Mission San Luis Rey also provides a long tradition of contemplative practice that is palpable. The gardens within their walls are perfect focal points and all groups are conducted outside. Being located a short distance from the Pacific Ocean allows for an entire afternoon session at the beach. The beautiful grounds are ideal for long walks.

All of the students have demonstrated an interest in Integrative Medicine and in taking on leadership roles within their institution or community. Participants may come from any of the following disciplines: medicine, osteopathy, nursing, physical therapy, pharmacy, psychology, social work, allied health, chiropractic, acupuncture, massage, naturopathy, among others. The program focuses on developing leadership skills, Integrative Medicine education, self-care skills, and on creating an IM project each student carries out at their home institution. Each year participants choose the student who returns to lead the Program as its Student Director in the following year. That Student Leader then goes on to accept leadership responsibility in the Consortium's national Student Leadership Group. The medical student from 2017, returning to LEAPS this year is Agata Harabasz, the Student Director of Leadership and Education Program for Students in Integrative Medicine at the University of Connecticut.

For those not familiar with LEAPS, in 2010, through the collaboration of the American Medical Student Association (AMSA), Kripalu and the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Dr. Mary Guerrero, Professor and Director of Integrative Medicine in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Connecticut brought the program to the Academic Consortium for Integrative Medicine and Health. Dr. Guerrero led the program which involved many faculty drawn from the Consortium and larger Integrative Medicine Community. The Consortium values this program greatly because it generates the future leaders of Integrative Medicine. The Consortium thanks those who have championed this effort, Dr. Mary Guerrero, Dr. Henri Roca, and Dr. Marni Hillinger, and all the integrative medicine faculty who have contributed to it in the highest esteem.

### LEAPS 2018 Participants

David Adamowicz, University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine

Thais Salles Araujo, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais

Clare Brady, St. Louis University, School of Medicine

Justin De La Guerra, University of Connecticut, School of Medicine

Ellen Joyce Douglass, Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences

Haley Dragoo, Kraskovic-Maryville University

Elizabeth Epstein, University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine

Monica Garcia, Wayne State University, School of Medicine

Jesse Houle, Northwestern Health Sciences University

Rebecca Joseph, University of Connecticut, School of Medicine

John Michael Lee, Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine

Andria Matthews, University of Connecticut, School of Medicine

Palak Patel, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

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Rohini Singh, West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine

Carissa Wengrovius, University of Michigan

Jung Hyun Yun, Stony Brook University School of Medicine

# The Policy Working Group in Action

Years ago, before the PWG was officially a working group, Drs. Mary Jo Kreitzer and Margaret Chesney, often with the help of Dr. Janet Kahn, kept an eye on Capitol Hill, the National Institutes of Health, and other programs in the Department of Health and Human Services for policy decisions that could impact Integrative Medicine and Health. They also remained in touch with other organizations that are doing the same thing, such as AAMC, The Ad Hoc Group, and Consortium of Social Science Associations. The goal was to join forces with other organizations to encourage decision makers to advance policies that are consistent with the Vision of the Consortium, "A transformed healthcare system promoting integrative medicine and health for all." Since those early days, chairs and vice chairs of the PWG, Sam Simmons, Jillian Capodice, Leslie Mendoza Temple, and now Arya Nielsen and Alison Whitehead are doing the same.

Why is everyone on "alert?" Here is an example from last week: On Wednesday, April 18th at 10:23 AM ET, Cindy Steinberg, the National Director of Policy & Advocacy of the U.S. Pain Foundation contacted the Consortium along with a number of organizations, asking if the Consortium could "sign on" to a letter. The "catch" the Consortium had only until 2:00 PM to make the decision. Here is her email.

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Hi Everyone,  
I have some great news but we have to act fast to jump on the opportunity. Senator Young was able to put forth

legislation on one of our key asks – for CDC to collect epidemiological data on chronic pain (they collect no regular chronic pain stats now) including the incidence and prevalence of all chronic pain conditions, syndromes, diseases, etc. The legislation proposes to create a National Chronic Pain Surveillance System and allow researchers and federal agencies to use the data collected.

As you all probably know the Senate HELP Committee and others are currently drafting new opioid legislation. I drafted the attached sign on letter asking Senator Alexander and Murray and the Committee to include Senator Young's proposed legislation in the new opioid bill being drafted. Please take a look at the letter and the legislation (attached). Both are short. Please let me know by 2pm ET Wednesday, April 18 if your organization will sign on. Thanks very much!  
Best, Cindy

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Long ago, the Consortium's Executive Committee approved the following policy that three of the following (or their designees when unavailable) would need to agree that the Consortium should sign on: Chair, Vice Chair, PWG Chair and Vice Chair. Good News! It only took a little more than an hour to reach everyone and the Consortium signed on. Please note that due to changing our name to Academic Consortium for Integrative Medicine and Health....we are often at the top of the list!

April 18, 2018

The Honorable Lamar Alexander  
United States Senate  
455 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray  
United States Senate  
154 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Including Important Draft Legislation offered by Senator Young in OCRA

Dear Senators Alexander and Murray:

On behalf of our pain patient and pain management professional members and other organizations whose members care about the millions of Americans living with chronic pain, we thank you and the Committee for your leadership in drafting the Opioid Crisis and Response Act of 2018 (OCRA). We are writing to request that you include draft legislation offered by Senator Todd Young which is vital to understanding and ameliorating the opioid crisis in the mark-up of the OCRA legislation. Senator Young's legislation entitled "Advancing Research for Chronic Pain Act of 2018" recognizes the inter-relationship of the nation's chronic pain and misuse and overdose opioid epidemics and proposes to combat them through vital collection, analysis and dissemination of data.

Chronic pain is the most prevalent, costly, and disabling health condition in the US. Painful arthritis, musculoskeletal and back/spine disorders are the leading causes of disability in America.<sup>1,2</sup> Studies from the National Academy of Medicine (formerly the Institute of Medicine) and Department of Veterans Affairs found that 100 million American adults, and 80 percent of veterans returning from recent conflicts, live with some level of chronic pain, at an annual cost of \$560-635 billion in direct medical costs and lost productivity.<sup>3,4</sup>

Despite the pervasiveness and cost of chronic pain in both our civilian and military populations, our nation conducts very little research on chronic pain, especially epidemiological research. As

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/overview/>  
<sup>2</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5816a2.htm>

<sup>3</sup> National Academy of Medicine (formerly the Institute of Medicine) Report: *Relieving Pain in America, A Blueprint for Transforming Prevention, Care, Education and Research*. The National Academies Press, 2011. [http://books.nap.edu/openbook.php?record\\_id=13172&page=1](http://books.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=13172&page=1)

<sup>4</sup> Lew HL, Otis JD, Tun C, Kerns RD, Clark ME, Cifu DX. Prevalence of chronic pain, posttraumatic stress disorder, and persistent post-concussive symptoms in OIF/OEF veterans: poly-trauma clinical triad. J Rehabil Res Dev. 2009;46(6):697-702.

a result, little is known about all the diseases, conditions, syndromes and serious injuries that result in chronic pain, the number of American living with each of these conditions, the treatments they have tried, nor the safety or effectiveness of these treatments. With very little high-quality data to go on and with cost always an issue, opioids have often been prescribed to ease pain severity and suffering while other treatments that may provide relief are identified through trial-and-error.

Currently, there is no concerted effort within the CDC to ascertain and make publicly available high-quality data on chronic pain. Like the CDC's extensive efforts to understand and surveil opioid misuse and abuse, it is critical that the agency begin to study and surveil the burden of chronic pain including its health consequences in terms of morbidity, mortality and disability. Senator Young's bill also includes expanding the quantity, quality and accuracy of data on prevalence, impact and treatment over time of chronic pain overall, for specific chronic pain conditions and types, and within specific populations. National surveillance efforts are necessary in order to evaluate the impact of implementing new policies including new treatment interventions.

Senator Young's proposed legislation to establish a National Chronic Pain Surveillance System would fill the gaping need for epidemiological data on chronic pain. This system would collect, store and analyze data pertaining to all aspects of chronic pain and would be updated and maintained on an on-going basis for use by other agencies such as the FDA, NIH, CMS, AHRQ and DoD as well as by independent and private sector researchers to make important decisions of high relevance to the opioid crisis and to the appropriate care of people living with pain. Such decisions could identify which treatments are effective for different types of pain and what is the right volume of medications necessary to treat conditions of high prevalence, and many others.

It is essential that healthcare policy decisions, particularly those affecting the care of millions of Americans be based on updated, accurate data. We simply do not have this data on chronic pain – the most prevalent, costly and disabling health condition in the US. We call on you to remedy this egregious lack of information by including Senator Young's excellent "Advancing Research for Chronic Pain Act of 2018" in the important OCRA legislation that you are formulating. We thank you for your consideration of this issue. We are pleased to provide any information or assist the Committee's efforts in any way. Please contact Cindy Steinberg, National Director of Policy and Advocacy, US Pain Foundation at [csteinberg@rcn.com](mailto:csteinberg@rcn.com) or 781-652-0146.

With Sincere Appreciation,

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Alliance for Patient Access  
American Academy of Pain Medicine

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American Physical Therapy Association  
American Society for Pain Management Nursing  
American Society of Acupuncturists  
National Fibromyalgia and Chronic Pain Association  
Chronic Migraine Awareness  
Chronic Pain Research Alliance  
Clusterbusters  
Coalition for Headache and Migraine Patients  
Danielle Byron Henry Migraine Foundation  
Ehlers-Danlos Society  
Eleventh Hour Films  
For Grace: Women in Pain  
Global Healthy Living Foundation  
Headache and Migraine Policy Forum  
A Healing Place – The Estates  
Hospice and Palliative Nursing Association  
Human Arts Association  
Integrative Health Policy Consortium  
Integrative Medicine Access  
Integrative Medicine for the Underserved  
The International Association of Yoga Therapists  
Interstitial Cystitis Association  
Migraine Again  
Migraine World Summit  
Miles for Migraine  
National Headache Foundation  
Professionals for Rational Opioid Monitoring and Pharmacotherapy  
Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Association  
Runnin' for Research  
The Pain Community  
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April 14-16, 2019  
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**2020 International Congress on Integrative Medicine and Health and Annual Members Meeting**

April 26-May 1, 2020  
Cleveland, OH

# Welcome to the Consortium's Newest Member – NYU

For many years NYU Langone Health has incorporated integrative medicine/health into patient care, education and research. In 2010 the NYU Langone Department of Integrative Health Programs emerged under the leadership of Kimberly S. Glassman, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, the NYU Langone Health Senior Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer and the Associate Dean for Partnership Innovation of New York University Rory Meyers College of Nursing. The Department of Integrative Health Programs is the central source for coordination for the integrative medicine/health network at our academic health center. NYU Langone Health is one of the nation's premier academic health centers. Our trifold mission to serve, teach, and discover is achieved daily through an integrated academic culture devoted to excellence. Due to the vast size of NYU Langone's footprint, integrative medicine/health clinical care, research, and education programs can be found throughout different divisions and departments within our academic health center. We have several initiatives that have helped build a large integrative medicine/health virtual network at NYU Langone Health (see figure below).

The proposed Steering Committee Member, Christine A. Zawistowski, MD, is the Integrative Medicine Physician Liaison, and a member of the faculty on the Pediatric Palliative Care Team in the Department of Pediatrics. Claudia Citkovitz, PhD LAc, is the Director, Acupuncture Service, NYU Langone Health- Brooklyn and Jeanne AbateMarco, NPP, MS, RN, CNS, Integrative Health Clinical Nurse Coordinator. Taryn De Sio, MS, Program Coordinator, is the individual proposed to help coordinate communications between the NYU Program and the Academic Consortium for Integrative Medicine and Health.

