

VISION

THE INTERNATIONAL PELVIC PAIN SOCIETY

Professionals engaged in pain management for women.

IPPS Forms Partnership With OBGYN.NET

The International Pelvic Pain Society has joined with the premiere web site dedicated to women's gynecological needs, OBGYN.NET, to provide content on one of the most critical issues in women's health today – chronic pelvic pain. The new section went online in the spring of this year, and has already proven one of the most popular sections on OBGYN.NET.

Administered by OBGYN.NET and overseen by a team of healthcare professionals dedicated to treating chronic pelvic pain, the chronic pelvic pain section is a continual "work in progress", as information is updated on a monthly basis. These professionals form the Editorial Advisory Board, and preview content for accuracy and relevancy before it is ever posted on the web site. Leading the Board is Dr. C. Paul Perry, the Chairman of the Board for the IPPS. "We are excited about this opportunity to educate

professionals and patients about chronic pelvic pain. This helps us fulfill a goal of our Society, and we want to thank OBGYN.NET for recognizing this crucial need in women's health care," said Dr. Perry.

In a recent survey conducted by OBGYN.NET, 94% of those surveyed (over 300 women) said that they found the information on OBGYN.NET "Useful or Very Useful". 96% said that they would use OBGYN.NET again, and 75% said that they have bookmarked the site, or made it their home page. This speaks very well of a site which is devoted to issues of gynecological health.

As for the popularity of the new section, women were asked to rate the various resources available to them on OBGYN.NET. Most popular were access to physician's opinions, and access to the Women's Health Forum. However, when the choice was between gynecological issues, chronic pelvic pain came in second only to concerns

about menopause. In fact, "chronic pelvic pain" tied for second place in the survey with the subject of "pregnancy and birth", with almost 36% of the respondents rating this information as most important to them. This in itself indicates a need for information and readily available treatment by trained healthcare professionals.

In partnering with OBGYN.NET, the IPPS hopes to meet both of these needs.

Visit OBGYN.NET at www.obgyn.net.

IPPS Calendar

Chronic Pelvic Pain Symposium

Saturday, May 13, 2000
The Royal Society of Medicine
London England
In conjunction with the World Congress of Endometriosis

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The President's Perspective



James E. Carter, M.D., President

As incoming President of the International Pelvic Pain Society, I commend Dr. Fred Howard for his excellent stewardship of the Society. Under Dr. Howard's leadership, the Pelvic Pain Society has extended its outreach into over 14 countries and has achieved a significant growth in membership.

I also commend the untiring efforts of our Chairman, C. Paul Perry, M.D., who has guided our Society from its inception to its pre-eminent position as the source of information and knowledge on

issues related to chronic pelvic pain.

This coming year provides us with an opportunity to cross the Atlantic to visit with our colleagues in England, at our first venue planned outside of the United States. I encourage all of you to attend this exciting and educational program.

The International Pelvic Pain Society is providing a valuable and needed service both to patients and to caregivers through our educational conferences, through our newsletter, and through our Internet connections for the discussion of cases and techniques.

The continued support and involvement of the members of the International Pelvic Pain Society in its committees is the true strength of the Society. I encourage each of you to join a committee and contribute your knowledge and energy to the Society. You will find that the rewards far outweigh the effort that you have to expend.

Sincerely yours,

James E. Carter, M.D., Ph.D., F.A.C.O.G.

President, International Pelvic Pain Society

Year 2000

IPPS Web Site Updated

Have you visited our web site recently? Almost 3,000 visitors did in January alone. We are updating our site with information designed to bring users back again and again. Since the two most popular areas of our site are "Resources for Women" and both our "General Membership" and "Physician Members" sections, we are focusing on these areas.

Because we want to expand this page, we are seeking patient education articles that we can use. Specifically, we need handouts on the various conditions that contribute to chronic pelvic pain, i.e., endometriosis, vulvodynia, adhesions, fibromyalgia, etc., but we are open to anything that might be useful to professionals or patients. If you have authored an article you would allow us to use, please let us know. You will be given prominent credit as the author, and the article will be reformatted and placed on our web site.

Additionally, the "General Membership" and "Physician Members" sections are being updated at least every two weeks now to include our newest members. To help our membership and patients, your listing can now include a clickable link to your home page! If you are a member and have a home page, or work for an organization you would like to reference, please send us the information so we can include it in your listing. E-mail the information to pelvicpain@aol.com, or call (205) 877-2950 or (800) 624-9676.

Check in every few weeks and see how we've grown!

Patients and Families

The IPPS needs the support of patients and families. If you would like to support further research into chronic pelvic pain, and receive our newsletters regarding recent advances and treatment, please consider joining! Dues are \$35.00 annually.

The symposium will assist primary care physicians, gynecologists, urologists, anesthesiologists, physical therapists, nurses, psychologists, and other health professionals in managing patients with chronic pelvic pain.

Wednesday, October 20, 1999
Fred M. Howard, M.D., Course Director

7:00	Registration and Continental Breakfast	1:15	Cannabis and Pain? A Look to the Future... Karen Berkley, Ph.D.
7:45	Welcoming Remarks James Carter, M.D., Ph.D. President and Moderator	1:45	Voiding Dysfunction and Pelvic Pain Syndromes: Neuromodulation, A New Therapy Charles Butrick, M.D.
7:55	Evolution of Pain Concepts Ron Melzack, Ph.D.	2:15	Clinical Treatment of Chronic Pelvic Pain Ursula Wesselmann, M.D.
8:35	Neurophysiology of the Pelvic Viscera Gerald Gephardt, M.D.	2:45	Therapeutic Exercise for the Chronic Pelvic Pain Patient Lori Bowler, P.T.
9:05	Basic Research of Chronic Pelvic Pain Ursula Wesselmann, M.D.	3:15	Discussion Panel & Questions
9:35	Discussion Panel and Questions	3:30	Break
9:50	Break	3:45	Gynecologic Embolotherapy Robert Worthington-Kirsch, M.D.
10:10	The Use of Preemptive Analgesia for Gynecologic Surgery Arnold Advincula, M.D. Anne Shortliffe, R.N.	4:15	Myofascial Aspects of Chronic Pelvic Pain Norman Rosen, M.D.
10:40	Residential Care of Chronic Pelvic Pain Dan Doleys, Ph.D.	4:45	The Role of Myofascial Trigger Points in Interstitial Cystitis Jerome Weiss, M.D.
11:10	Treatment Outcome Measures of Chronic Pelvic Pain Beverly-Jane Collett, M.D.	5:15	Discussion Panel & Questions
11:40	Discussion Panel & Questions	5:30	Adjourn
11:55	Lunch		

Registration - International Pelvic Pain Society, October 20, 1999

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CME Credits will be provided by the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry

I have a disability and may require accommodation to fully participate in this activity. Please list your specific needs:

Registration Fee:By 9/17/19999/18/-10/08After 10/08/1999

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Residents/Allied Health Professionals.....	\$150.00\$165.00\$185.00

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If you live outside the Continental United States, please call 1-800-624-9676 to register.

Are you attending the American Pain Society meeting following this symposium? Yes No

If you have any questions, please phone (716) 336-3785 or fax (716) 338-3798.

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Send to: IPPS, Suite 402, 2006 Brookwood Medical Center Drive, Birmingham, AL 35209
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Please share with a friend or colleague!

Register on our web site at <http://www.pelvicpain.org>

Join us:
 Please join us in educating ourselves on how best to treat chronic pelvic pain. With your help, we can provide relief and a more normal lifestyle for our patients.
 Call for membership information at 1-800-624-9676.

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