



CREDENTIALING

- ...which of the following should be used?
- A. Disodium ascorbate
 - B. Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
 - C. Intravenous antibiotics
 - D. Oral calcium and vitamin D

[10] When educating patients regarding the they must continue at home, the BEST assure understanding and compliance

- A. Providing printed materials to the patient
- B. Having the patient demonstrate the technique
- C. Verbal instruction
- D. Written instruction

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PAIN
MANAGEMENT
A Practical Guide for Clinicians
SEVENTH EDITION



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Credentialing Brochure
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OVERVIEW

The American Academy of Pain Management (the Academy) is a non-profit interdisciplinary organization serving pain practitioners through education and advocacy. The Academy's Credentialing Examination is designed to ensure a minimum level of competence as an interdisciplinary pain practitioner. It is monitored for content validity and updated for timeliness.

The responsibility for professional integrity and excellence remains with each pain practitioner. It is not the intent of the Academy to credential pain practitioners for employment or to impose personnel requirements on agencies and organizations. Credentialing by the Academy does not replace licensure and is not intended to evaluate candidates' knowledge of their primary discipline.

What are the benefits of becoming a Credentialed Pain Practitioner?

As a credentialed pain practitioner, you will have greater professional visibility and the opportunity to demonstrate your commitment to accountability, professional growth, and continued practice in the field of interdisciplinary pain management.

In addition:

- You will receive a certificate indicating your status as a Credentialed Pain Practitioner.
- You will be listed in the searchable database on the Academy's Web site, www.aapainmanage.org
- You will be listed in the Academy's quarterly magazine, *The Pain Practitioner*, at the time of credentialing.

What is required to maintain Credentialed Pain Practitioner status?

- Current licensure to practice, if applicable.
- 100 hours of CMEs (of which 50 are related to pain or pain management) during the four-year time frame.
- Your promise to practice in accordance with the American Academy of Pain Management's Code of Ethics and Patient's Bill of Rights.
- Remaining in good standing with federal and state regulatory agencies and your professional organizations.

- Maintaining your annual general membership fee.
- Maintaining your re-credentialing fee every 4 years.

When, Where and How is the credentialing examination offered?

You may opt for computer-based testing offered 5 days a week by appointment only at over 160 locations nationwide, or you can apply to take a paper-and-pencil examination at the Academy's Annual Clinical Meeting. If you choose the paper-and-pencil examination, you must submit a complete application 6 weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

Does every discipline take the same examination?

Yes. The examination is based on a comprehensive analysis of the knowledge necessary to provide interdisciplinary pain management.

How long is the Credentialing Examination?

You will have 2 hours to complete the 100-questions on the examination.

When will you get the results?

All test results are Pass/Fail. Computer-based examination results are immediately available on site. Paper/Pencil examination results will be mailed to you 5-6 weeks after the examination.

What is the best way to prepare for the examination?

- Study *Weiner's Pain Management, A Practical Guide for Clinicians*, 7th Edition.
- Take the On-Line Self-Assessment Examination.
- Attend the Annual Clinical Meeting.
- Refer to page 7 for a listing of other study aids.

What are the fees to become credentialed?

- General Membership (annual dues)..\$195.00 USD
- Application Fee..... \$250.00 USD
- Examination Registration Fee.....\$250.00 USD

What are the entry-level requirements to become credentialed?

- Diplomate: A Doctorate degree in a related healthcare field and two years of clinical experience working with people in pain.
- Fellow: A Master's degree in a related healthcare field and two years of clinical experience working with people in pain.
- Clinical Associate: A Bachelor's degree (or its equivalent) in a related health care field and two years of clinical experience working with people in pain.

Clinical experience is time AFTER internship/residency.

THE CREDENTIALING PROCESS

Step One – Become Credential Eligible

To become Credential Eligible you must:

- Be a General Member of the Academy
- Meet entry level requirements.
- Complete the application form, to include the following:
 - Detailed addendum describing work experience and training related to the pain field.
 - 3 Applicant Reference Forms (references must be peers who have knowledge of your practice and ethics). It is your responsibility to have forms sent to the Academy.
 - Copy of current license (if applicable).
 - Current CV or resume.
 - Original transcripts of highest degree or Certified ECFMG.
 - Copies of relevant certificates.
 - Nonrefundable application fee of \$250.

After all paperwork has been submitted, your application will be reviewed by the Credential Review

Committee. The Academy reserves the right to independently verify all documentation submitted and/or request additional information. Please allow 6 weeks for the peer review process. You will be notified by mail regarding the decision of the committee.

Individuals approved by the Credential Review Committee may take the credentialing examination and are considered Credential Eligible. You may maintain the status of Credential Eligible for no more than 4 years and may take the Credentialing Examination up to 3 times.

Step Two – Become a Credentialed Pain Practitioner

To become a Credentialed Pain Practitioner you must:

- Be Credential Eligible and approved to sit for the credentialing examination.
- Submit the credentialing examination registration form and fee of \$250.
 - Examination fees are nontransferable/nonrefundable.
 - Examination fees are due prior to scheduling an examination.
 - Each examination incurs a separate fee.
- Schedule an appointment to sit for the examination with Applied Measurement Professionals. Instructions begin on page 19.
- Pass the Credentialing Examination.

You may refer to your credentialing in written form as:

- Diplomate, American Academy of Pain Management: DAAPM
- Fellow, American Academy of Pain Management: FAAPM
- Clinical Associate, American Academy of Pain Management: CAAAPM

Step Three: Become Re-credentialed Every 4 Years:

To re-credential you must complete and return the Re-Credentialing Form which will be mailed to you approximately 2 months prior to your re-credentialing due date.

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The following will be requested:

- Copy of your current license to practice, if applicable.
- Attestation to:
 - Obtaining 100 hours of CMEs (of which 50 are related to pain or pain management) during the 4-year time frame.
 - Practicing in accordance with the American Academy of Pain Management's Code of Ethics and Patient's Bill of Rights.
 - Remaining in good standing with federal and state regulatory agencies and your professional organizations.
- Payment of fees:
 - General Membership annual fee - \$195 USD
 - Recredentialing fee - \$100 USD

Random audits will be conducted to independently verify re-credentialing information submitted.

Continuing Education Guidelines

Continuing education enables you to acquire new knowledge and techniques of integrated comprehensive health care.

The Academy seeks to avoid duplication of requirements by other organizations and agencies. Continuing Medical Education credits earned for those organizations and agencies are accepted by the Academy for re-credentialing. In addition, the following are accepted as credits by the Academy:

- The Academy's annual clinical meeting
- Seminars, workshops, and conferences
- Verified independent research in the field of pain management, up to 15 credits
- Published pain management manuscripts (peer reviewed), up to 5 credits
- Published pain management books, up to 10 credits

Inactive Status

A credentialed pain practitioner's status will be placed inactive if any of the following occurs:

- Nonpayment of annual general membership or recredentialing fee.

- Loss of license to practice, if applicable.
- Loss of good standing with regulatory agencies and practitioner's profession.
- Failure to practice in accordance with the Academy's Code of Ethics and Patient's Bill of Rights.
- Failure to obtain required CMEs.

Any practitioner whose status is inactive may no longer refer himself/herself as being credentialed. A credentialed pain practitioner may reinstate within one year of becoming inactive. If inactive status extends beyond one year, request for reinstatement must be submitted to the Credentialing Review Committee.

Examination Information

Nationally recognized Applied Measurement Professionals (AMP) has contracted with the American Academy of Pain Management to provide examination services. AMP is responsible for the administration, scoring, psychometric consultation, and analysis of the credentialing examination.

Examination Content

The Academy's Examination Committee and AMP have constructed the 100-question multiple-choice Credentialing Examination in accordance with nationally recognized standards. The Examination Committee is comprised of clinicians who represent a variety of disciplines.

The following outline describes the content categories covered in the examination. The number of items in each category reflects that category's relative importance in the examination.

Detailed Content Outline

I. ASSESSMENT (40 questions)

- A. Apply Principles of Anatomy and Physiology (8 questions)
 1. Structure and function of the nervous system
 2. Structure and function of the musculoskeletal system
 3. Structure and function of the endocrine/metabolic system

4. Structure and function of the cardiovascular system
 5. Structure and function of the gastrointestinal system
- B. Perform Patient Assessment (32 questions)
1. Obtain comprehensive history
 - a. Observe verbal and nonverbal behaviors.
 - b. Identify terms used to define pain complaints-intensity, frequency, duration, location, character, and related factors.
 - c. Obtain chief complaint
 - d. Obtain records and review existing information
 - e. Evaluate medications and medication behaviors
 - f. Obtain detailed bio-psycho-social history
 1. Role of learning in pain experience
 2. Influence of life events/experience on pain perception
 3. Role of home, environment, and family relationships associated with pain management
 4. Occupation-related disease, injury, and pain
 5. Access to care barriers and disincentives (economic and policy)
 6. Accident-related injury and pain
 7. Stress-pain-stress cycle
 8. Cultural influences on pain perception and behavior
 9. Spiritual/religious influences on pain perception and behavior
 10. Influence of growth and development, and life-stage differences
 11. Neuro-linguistics (language barriers)
 12. Association between nutrition, stress, health, and pain
 13. Perpetuating factors in pain (caffeine, alcohol, tobacco, substance use/abuse, obesity, body morphology, sleep dysfunction, etc.)
 14. Quality of life, relationships, sexuality, etc.
 15. Determine secondary pain gain/loss
 2. Conduct thorough examination/observation
 - a. General and modality/site-specific physical
 - b. Social dynamic
 - c. Mental status
 - d. Body mechanics and posture
 3. Obtain data necessary to develop clinical diagnosis(es) and impression(s)
 - a. Laboratory test
 - b. Imaging and radiologic findings
 - c. Electrodiagnostic tests
 - d. Psychological and behavioral measures
 - e. Patient-generated assessments (McGill Pain Questionnaire, MMPI, Pain Drawing, Visual Analog Scale, etc.)
 - f. Diagnostic nerve blocks
 - g. Effect of therapeutic interventions
 - h. Other modality-specific diagnosis(es) and impression(s)
 4. Formulate preliminary diagnosis(es) and impression(s)
 5. Obtain interdisciplinary consultations
 6. Reevaluate diagnosis(es) and impression(s)

EXAM CONTENT

II. TREATMENT (40 questions)

- A. Develop Treatment Plan (15 questions)
1. Establish patient as team member
 2. Develop collaborative treatment plan among disciplines
 3. Educate patient and family
 4. Obtain informed consent: options, benefits, risks, agreements, costs
 5. Develop goals for pain reduction
 6. Develop and define treatment plan
 7. Establish measurable outcome goals utilizing observable behavioral tasks

8. Establish discharge criteria
- B. Implement Treatment Plan (12 questions)
1. Obtain data to assess compliance and progress
 2. Modify treatment based on the patient's feedback and reactions
 3. Maintain communication with primary practitioner and/or referral source.
 4. Provide follow-up plans for ongoing therapy and continuity of care.
 5. Reframe symptomatology and identify shifts in disease pattern
 6. Maintain active patient participation
 7. Conduct periodic team conferences
 8. Use community resources

C. Implement Specific Treatment Modalities (13 questions)

1. Physical activities, conditions, and activities of daily living.
2. Vocational rehabilitation counseling
3. Work hardening
4. Job placement
5. Education of patient and others (family, employer, third involvement party, etc.)
6. Family
7. Recreational therapy
8. Manual/manipulative therapy
9. Hot/cold therapy
10. Ultrasound
11. Electrotherapy
12. Acupuncture
13. Cognitive and behavioral therapies
14. Counseling (family, individual, group, etc.)
15. Biofeedback and relaxation techniques
16. Nerve blocks
17. Trigger point therapy
18. Pharmacotherapy
19. Stabilization and repositioning techniques/devices (occlusal, orthotic, prosthetics, etc.)
20. Surgery
21. Ablative techniques (cryotherapy, thermocoagulation, chemical, laser, etc.)
22. Nutrition and dietary therapy (vitamins, herbs, etc.)

23. Occupational therapy
24. Massage therapy
25. Aquatic therapy
26. Spiritual direction

III. ETHICAL, PROFESSIONAL, LEGAL, AND BUSINESS (20 questions)

A. Educate Patients, Consumers, Clinicians, Regulators, and Payers (5 questions)

1. Assess level of knowledge
2. Gather supporting documentation
3. Present information in understandable form

B. Practice Ethically, Professionally, and Legally (10 questions)

1. Comply with medico-legal aspects of practice (HIPAA, OSHA, etc.)
2. Obtain authorization, informed consent, and agreement
3. Adhere to Patient's Bill of Rights and Code of Ethics
4. Record comprehensive documentation clearly
5. Follow standards of care (universal precautions, practice guidelines, protocols, etc.)
6. Maintain clinical competence (education, training, and experience)
7. Provide mentoring and role modeling
8. Conduct research procedures following appropriate guidelines
9. Participate in patient advocacy
10. Use ethical business practices
11. Maintain currency in pain-related literature

C. Incorporate Outcome Measures (5 questions)

1. Determine information needs
2. Use a validated outcome measurement system (Pain Outcomes Profile)
3. Make practice decisions based on patient outcome data
4. Disseminate information to improve practice standards
5. Document quality and meet accreditation standards.

Suggested Study Aids

The study aids listed below may be useful to you in preparing for the examination. The list is not all inclusive and is simply intended to familiarize you with material related to the field of pain management.

- *Weiner's Pain Management: A Practical Guide for Clinicians*, 7th Edition (2005). M. Boswell and B. E. Cole, Editors. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press Taylor and Francis Group.
- *On-Line Self-Assessment Examination*. www.aapainmanage.org: 1. click on "Professionals"; 2. click on "Credentialing"; and 3. click on "On-Line Self-Assessment Exam." \$65 fee required.
- The American Academy of Pain Management's Annual Clinical Meeting, held each year in September.
- *Bonicas's Management of Pain*, 3rd Edition (2001). J. D. Loeser, Editor. Philadelphia, PA: Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins.
- *Handbook of Pain Assessment*, 2nd Edition (2001). D. C. Turk and R. Melzack, Editors. New York: The Guilford Press.
- *Myofascial Pain*, 2 Volume Set, 2nd Edition (1998). J. G. Travell and D. Simons. Baltimore: Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins.
- *Pain: Clinical Manual*, 2nd Edition (1999). M. McCaffery and C. Pasero, Editors. St. Louis, MO: Mosby.

Sample Questions

The following 10 sample questions are representative of the credentialing examination. It is suggested that you answer these questions and score them. An answer key is provided.

- [1] Which of the following classes of compounds naturally occurring in the body MOST directly influences the sensation of pain?
- A. Prostaglandins and gonadotropins
 - B. Prostaglandins and endorphins
 - C. Cortisol and ACTH
 - D. Prolactin and cortisol
- [2] Which of the following hormones are associated with fibromyalgia syndrome?
1. Calcitonin
 2. AM cortisol
 3. Growth
 4. Thyroid
- A. 1, 2, and 3 only
 - B. 1, 2, and 4 only
 - C. 1, 3, and 4 only
 - D. 2, 3, and 4 only
- [3] At a physical therapy session a patient asks a therapist for advice regarding a new onset of a left earache and vertigo. Which of the following is the BEST recommendation for the therapist to make?
- A. Take a decongestant
 - B. See an acupuncturist
 - C. Stretch the sternocleidomastoid muscle
 - D. Contact his primary care provider
- [4] The imaging technique of choice for the diagnosis of TMJ disc perforation is
- A. Tomography
 - B. Neurometry
 - C. MRI
 - D. Ultrasound
- [5] Which of the following should a practitioner do if a patient consistently fails to show progress with prescribed physical therapy exercises?
- A. Double the number of exercises
 - B. Ask the patient to demonstrate the exercises
 - C. Confer with the physical therapist
 - D. Ask the insurer for authorization for payment for more treatments
- [6] A patient with chronic low-back pain is admitted to an accredited pain program. During the initial assessment the patient says she has been drinking a 12-pack of beer per night to sleep. She expresses the desire to discontinue alcohol use and find a healthier solution to her problem. Which of the following would be the practitioner's BEST initial response?
1. Refer her to Alcoholics Anonymous
 2. Enroll her in a detoxification program
 3. Evaluate the source of her low-back pain
 4. Recommend she discontinue any use of alcohol

- A. 1 and 3 only
- B. 1 and 4 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 2 and 4 only

- [7] When using the interdisciplinary process, which of the following are MOST important?
1. Conference notes should be recorded in the chart.
 2. Patient's attorney should establish treatment goals.
 3. Treatment goals should be collectively determined.
 4. Each discipline should communicate treatment goals.
- A. 1 and 2 only
 - B. 3 and 4 only
 - C. 1, 2, and 3 only
 - D. 1, 3, and 4 only

- [8] For patients on long-acting opioid therapy, "escape doses" for breakthrough pain are
- A. Additional long-acting opioid doses for flares of pain
 - B. Sedatives given so that patients may sleep more easily
 - C. Doses of short-acting opioids to be taken as needed
 - D. Muscle relaxants to ease muscle spasms on bad days

- [9] If a practitioner wishes to combat the biochemical abnormalities characteristic of Paget's Disease, which of the following should be used?
- A. Disodium etidronate
 - B. Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
 - C. Intravenous antibiotics
 - D. Oral calcium and vitamin D

- [10] When educating patients regarding therapy that they must continue at home, the BEST way to assure understanding and compliance is by
- A. Providing printed materials to the patient
 - B. Having the patient demonstrate the technique after instruction

- C. Having the clinician, rather than an assistant, educate the patient
- D. Demonstrating the technique to the patient's family

Answers to Sample Questions

ITEM	CONTENT AREA	COGNITIVE LEVEL	KEY
1.	I A	1	B
2.	I A	8	D
3.	I B	4	D
4.	I B	25	C
5.	II A	3	C
6.	II A	8	C
7.	II B	7	D
8.	II B	19	C
9.	II C	1	A
10.	III A	3	B



Application for Credentialing

Please complete all portions of the application. An incomplete application may delay processing. Submit this application with the \$250 non-refundable application fee to:

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PAIN MANAGEMENT | 13947 MONO WAY #A | SONORA, CA 95370. *Please type, or print with ink.*

I am applying for (check one) DIPLOMATE FELLOW CLINICAL ASSOCIATE

NAME _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST MAIDEN

MAILING ADDRESS _____
STREET/POST OFFICE BOX
CITY STATE ZIP

TELEPHONE _____
OFFICE HOME - will not appear on website

EMAIL - REQUIRED _____

WEBSITE POSTING: SAME AS ABOVE LIST AS SHOWN BELOW DO NOT LIST ON WEB

MAILING ADDRESS _____
STREET/POST OFFICE BOX
CITY STATE ZIP

DISCIPLINE OR SPECIALITY _____
EXAMPLE:S: ANESTHESIOLOGY, ONCOLOGY, INTERNAL MEDICINE, PSYCHOLOGY, SPORTS MEDICINE, ETC.

3 REFERENCES

It is the applicant's responsibility to arrange for these to be sent to the Academy. (see pages 13-17)

NAME _____	NAME _____	NAME _____
RELATIONSHIP _____	RELATIONSHIP _____	RELATIONSHIP _____
TELEPHONE _____	TELEPHONE _____	TELEPHONE _____
ADDRESS _____	ADDRESS _____	ADDRESS _____

COLLEGE DEGREE(S)

HIGHEST DEGREE _____	YEAR AWARDED _____	INSTITUTION _____
OTHER DEGREE _____	YEAR AWARDED _____	INSTITUTION _____
OTHER DEGREE _____	YEAR AWARDED _____	INSTITUTION _____

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE (most recent first)

DATE OF EMPLOYMENT: FROM _____ TO _____	EMPLOYER _____
ADDRESS _____	
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CURRENT LICENSE Attach copy/copies of current professional licenses.

TYPE _____ NO _____ STATE _____ EXP DATE _____

CERTIFICATION Attach copy/copies

Are you board certified by any organization? YES NO

Please list _____

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

- 1. Have you ever had a professional license suspended, revoked, or voluntarily relinquished? YES NO
- 2. Have you ever had a professional certification suspended, revoked, or voluntarily relinquished? YES NO
- 3. Have you ever been convicted of, or are you now under any charges for, any felony or ethical violation? YES NO

If answers to any of the above questions is 'yes,' please attach explanation and, if appropriate, attach final decree.

RESUMÉ OR CURRICULUM VITAE Attach copy

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS _____

EXPERIENCE IN PAIN MANAGEMENT – Attach addendum

Provide a detailed description of your clinical work experience for the last 2 years, to include pain conditions treated and treatment modalities utilized, i.e., pharmacological, invasive, complementary, etc. Also, include a detailed history of your education/training related to pain and how you apply the training in the care of your patients.

I, the undersigned, do hereby make voluntary application to the American Academy of Pain Management. I certify that the information given by way of this application is true, honest, and completely represents me. I understand and agree that if granted a credential, I will conform to all applicable local, state and federal regulations and will conduct my professional behavior consistent with the highest standards of professional conduct, as established in the Code of Ethics of the American Academy of Pain Management, as well as those codes of ethical conduct relating to my specialty. I agree to abide by the regulations of the American Academy of Pain Management and I recognize that failure to do so may result in suspension or revocation of my credential. I understand that any credential awarded by the American Academy of Pain Management does not in and of itself imply or grant license to practice within any state.

Furthermore, I understand and agree that the American Academy of Pain Management and its affiliates assume no responsibility for my action or activities. I practice at my own risk and hereby release the American Academy of Pain Management from any and all liability from any practice decision I make in the practice of pain management.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

COMPLETE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

<input type="checkbox"/> General membership in the Academy (<i>\$195 Annual Fee</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Three references requested
<input type="checkbox"/> Application material completed and signed	<input type="checkbox"/> Original transcripts or Certified ECFMG
<input type="checkbox"/> Detailed outline explaining experience, training/education in the field of pain and/or pain management	<input type="checkbox"/> Copies of license renewal and certificates
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional resumé or curriculum vitae	<input type="checkbox"/> Application fee of \$250 USD

Submit the Credentialing Application Fee and the Application Form to:
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Please type, or print with ink.

Application Fee: \$250 USD (nonrefundable/nontransferable)

Check enclosed in the amount of: \$ _____

Credit Card Charge: Master Card _____ Visa _____

Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Email: _____

Required - If not provided, your examination appointment cannot be confirmed.

STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION The American Academy does not discriminate among applicants on the basis of age, gender, race, religion, national origin, disability, or marital status.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS The American Academy of Pain Management complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and strives to ensure that no individual with a disability is deprived of the opportunity to take the examination solely by reason of that disability. Reasonable accommodations will be provided for candidates with disabilities. Please view the Computer-Based Testing Candidate Information to request special accommodations. You may call the Academy at 209-533-9744 or Applied Measurement Professionals at 888-519-9901 for more information.



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Please rate the applicant's knowledge, experience, and skills as they relate to his/her practice as a Pain Management Practitioner, as defined above.

This applicant reference will be treated and maintained in confidence only if the applicant has signed a waiver located at the end of this form. If the waiver is signed, please return the document directly to:

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Sonora, CA 95370

Phone: 209-533-9744

Fax: 209-533-9750

Applications are not considered until all references are received.

PRACTICE AREA	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	VERY GOOD	OUT STANDING	NO BASIS
I. ASSESSMENT						
A. Apply principles of anatomy and physiology						
B. Perform patient assessment						
II. TREATMENT						
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B. Implement treatment plan						
C. Implement specific treatment modalities						
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The credentialing examination is limited to candidates with the status of "Credential Eligible", as deemed by the American Academy of Pain Management.

Assessment Center Locations

Examinations are administered by computer at over 160 AMP Assessment Centers geographically distributed throughout the United States. Assessment Centers are typically located in H&R Block offices.

Locating an Examination Site

- Go to www.goAMP.com and click on the following:
 - Candidates
 - Choose a Category..... Healthcare
 - Choose a Program American Academy of Pain Management
 - Choose an Exam Credentialed Pain Practitioner
 - Locate Testing Centers

Scheduling An Examination

The candidate may schedule an examination appointment by one of the following methods. Be prepared to confirm a date and location for testing.

- **Schedule Online:** The candidate may schedule an examination appointment at any time by using the Online Scheduling service at www.goAMP.com. To use this service on AMP's website, follow these easy steps:
 - Go to www.goAMP.com and select "Candidates".
 - Click on "Healthcare".
 - Under programs, click on "American Academy of Pain Management".
 - Follow the simple, step-by-step

instructions to select your examination program and schedule the examination.

- **Telephone Scheduling:** Call AMP at 888-519-9901 to schedule an examination appointment. This toll-free number is answered from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Central Time) Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.

The examinations are administered by appointment only Monday through Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Individuals are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Refer to the following chart.

If you contact AMP by 3:00 p.m. Central Time on...	Depending on availability, your examination may be scheduled as early as...
Monday	Wednesday
Tuesday	Thursday
Wednesday	Friday/Saturday
Thursday	Monday
Friday	Tuesday

When the appointment is made, the candidate will be given a time to report to the Assessment Center. The candidate will receive an E-mail confirming the date, time, location and identification requirements for the examination. Please make note of this, an admission letter will not be sent. The candidate will only be allowed to take the examination for which the appointment has been made. No changes in examination type will be made at the Assessment Center. UNSCHEDULED CANDIDATES (WALK-INS) WILL NOT BE ADMITTED to the Assessment Center.

Holidays

The examinations are not offered on the following holidays:
New Year's Day
Columbus Day
Martin Luther King Day
Veterans' Day

President's Day
 Thanksgiving Day (and the following Friday)
 Good Friday
 Christmas Eve Day
 Memorial Day
 Christmas Day
 Independence Day (July 4)
 New Year's Eve Day
 Labor Day

Special Arrangements For Candidates With Disabilities

The Academy and AMP comply with the American with Disabilities Act and strive to ensure that no individual with a disability is deprived of the opportunity to take the examination solely by reason of that disability. AMP will provide reasonable accommodations for candidates with disabilities. Candidates requesting special accommodations must call AMP at 888-519-9901 to schedule their examination.

- Wheelchair access is available at all established Assessment Centers. Candidates must advise AMP at the time of scheduling that wheelchair access is necessary.
- Candidates with visual, sensory or physical disabilities that would prevent them from taking the examination under standard conditions may request special accommodations and arrangements.

Verification of the disability and a statement of the specific type of assistance needed must be submitted in writing to AMP at least 45 calendar days prior to the desired examination date. Please inform AMP of your need for special accommodations when scheduling your examination time.

Telecommunication Devices For The Deaf

AMP is equipped with Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD) to assist deaf and hearing-impaired candidates. TDD calling is available 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Central Time) Monday thru Friday at 913-895-4637. This TDD phone option is for individuals equipped with compatible TDD machinery.

Examination Appointment Changes/Failure to Report Or To Schedule An Examination

- A candidate may reschedule an appointment for examination ONCE at no charge by calling AMP at 888-519-9901 at least two business days prior to the scheduled testing session. See table below.

If the Examination is scheduled on . . .	AMP must be contacted by 3:00 p.m. Central Time to reschedule the Examination by the previous . . .
Monday	Wednesday
Tuesday	Thursday
Wednesday	Friday
Thursday	Monday
Friday	Tuesday

- A candidate who wishes to reschedule his/her examination appointment, but fails to contact AMP at least two business days prior to the scheduled testing session will be charged a rescheduling fee and must contact the Academy prior to rescheduling the examination.

Inclement Weather, Power Failure, Or Emergency

In the event of inclement weather or unforeseen emergencies on the day of an examination, AMP will determine whether circumstances warrant the cancellation, and subsequent rescheduling, of an examination. The examination will usually not be rescheduled if the Assessment Center personnel are able to open the Assessment Center. If power to an Assessment Center is temporarily interrupted during an administration, your examination will restart where you left off and you may continue the examination.

Candidates may contact AMP's Weather Hotline at 800-380-5416 (24 hours/day) prior to the examination to determine if AMP has been advised that any Assessment Centers are closed. Every attempt is made to administer the examination as scheduled; however, should an examination be canceled at an Assessment Center, all scheduled candidates will receive notification following the examination regarding rescheduling procedures.

On The Day Of Your Examination

On the day of your examination appointment, report to the Assessment Center no later than your scheduled testing time. Once you enter the H&R Block office, look for the signs indicating AMP Assessment Center check-in. A CANDIDATE WHO ARRIVES MORE THAN 15 MINUTES AFTER THE SCHEDULED TESTING TIME WILL NOT BE ADMITTED.

To gain admission to the Assessment Center, a candidate needs to present two forms of identification, one with a current photograph. Both forms of identification must be current and include the candidate's current name and signature. The candidate will also be required to sign a roster for verification of identity.

Acceptable forms of identification include a current:

- Driver's license with photograph
- State identification card with photograph
- Passport
- Military identification card with photograph
- Social security card (secondary form)

Employment ID cards, student ID cards and any type of temporary identification are NOT acceptable as primary identification, but may be used as secondary identification. Candidates are prohibited from misrepresenting their identities or falsifying information to obtain admission to the Assessment Center.

Security

The Academy and AMP maintain examination administration and security standards that are designed to assure that all candidates are provided the same opportunity to demonstrate their abilities. The Assessment Center is continuously monitored by audio and video surveillance equipment for security purposes.

The following security procedures apply during the examination:

- Examinations are proprietary. No cameras, notes, tape recorders, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), pagers or cellular phones are allowed in the testing room.

- No calculators are permitted.
- No guests, visitors or family members are allowed in the testing room or reception areas.
- No personal items, valuables, or weapons are allowed in the Assessment Center. Only keys and wallets may be taken into the testing room and AMP is not responsible for items left in the reception area.

Examination Instructions

- No personal belongings will be allowed in the Assessment Center. Pencils will be provided during check-in. **Use of cellular phone or other electronic devices is strictly prohibited and will result in dismissal from the examination.**
- You will be provided with scratch paper to use during the examination. You must sign and return the scratch paper to the supervisor at the completion of testing, or you will not receive a score report. No documents or notes of any kind may be removed from examination room. If you need a second piece of scratch paper, you need to ask the test proctor for another piece of paper and turn in the one you used before.
- No questions concerning the content of the examination may be asked during the examination.
- Eating, drinking or smoking will not be permitted in the Assessment Center.
- You may take a break whenever you wish, but you will not be allowed additional time to make up for time lost during breaks.

Misconduct

Individuals who engage in any of the following conduct may be dismissed from the examination, their scores will not be reported and examination fees will not be refunded. Examples of misconduct are when a candidate:

- creates a disturbance, is abusive, or otherwise uncooperative;

- displays and/or uses electronic communications equipment such as pagers, cellular phones, PDAs;
- gives or receives help or is suspected of doing so;
- attempts to record examination questions or make notes;
- attempts to take the examination for someone else; or
- is observed with notes, books or other aids.

Copyrighted Examination Questions

All examination questions are the copyrighted property of the American Academy of Pain Management. It is forbidden under federal copyright law to copy, reproduce, record, distribute or display these examination questions by any means, in whole or in part. Doing so may subject you to severe civil and criminal penalties.

Practice Examination

After your identification has been confirmed, you will be directed to a testing carrel. You will be instructed on-screen to enter your Social Security or identification number. You will take your photograph which will remain on screen throughout your examination session. This photograph will also print on your score report.

Prior to attempting the examination, you will be given the opportunity to practice taking an examination on the computer. The time you use for this practice examination is NOT counted as part of your examination time or score. When you are comfortable with the computer testing process, you may quit the practice session and begin the timed examination.

Time Examination

Following the practice examination, you will begin the timed examination. Before beginning, instructions for taking the examination are provided on-screen.

The computer monitors the time you spend on the examination. The examination will terminate if you exceed the time allowed. You may click on the "Time" box in the lower right-hand corner of the

screen or select the "Time" key to monitor your time. A digital clock indicates the time remaining for you to complete the examination. The "Time" feature may be turned off during the examination.

Only one examination question is presented at a time. The question number appears in the lower right hand corner of the screen. Choices of answers to the examination question are identified as A, B, C, or D. You must indicate your choice by either typing in the letter in the response box in the lower left hand of the computer screen or clicking in the option using the mouse. To change your answer, enter a different option by pressing the A, B, C, or D key or by clicking on the option using the mouse. You may change your answer as many times as you wish during the examination time limit.

To move to the next question, click on the forward arrow (>) in the lower right portion of the screen or select the NEXT key. This action will move you forward through the examination question by question. If you wish to review any question, click the backward arrow (<) or use the left arrow key to move backward through the examination.

An examination question may be left unanswered and returned to later in the examination session. Questions may also be bookmarked for later review by clicking in the blank square to the right of the "Time" button. Click on the hand icon or select the NEXT key to advance to the next unanswered or bookmarked questions on the examination. To identify all unanswered and book marked questions, repeatedly click on the hand icon or press the NEXT key. When the examination is completed, the number of examination questions answered is reported. If not all questions have been answered and there is time remaining, return to the examination and answer those questions. Be sure to provide an answer for each examination question before ending the examination. There is no penalty for guessing.

Candidate Comments

During the examination, online comments may be provided for any question by clicking on the button displaying an exclamation point (!) to the left of the "Time" button. This opens a dialogue box where

comments may be entered. Comments will be reviewed, but individual responses will not be provided.

Following the Examination

After completing the examination, candidates are asked to complete a short evaluation of their examination experience. Then, candidates are instructed to report to the examination proctor to receive their examination results. Pass/Fail examination results are reported in written form. Examination results are not reported over the telephone, by electronic mail, or by facsimile. There is a 90 day waiting period to re-test, should a candidate fail the examination. The candidate may sit for the examination a maximum of 3 times in the 4 year time frame. Please contact the Academy for more information.

Scores Cancelled By The Academy Or AMP

The Academy and AMP are responsible for the validity and integrity of the scores they report. On occasion, occurrences, such as computer malfunction or misconduct by a candidate, may cause a score to be suspect. The Academy and AMP reserve the right to void or withhold examination results if, upon investigation, violation of its regulations is discovered.

Confidentiality

Information about candidates for testing and their examination results are considered confidential. Studies and reports concerning candidates will contain no information identifiable with any candidate, unless authorized by the candidate.

Duplicate Score Report

Candidates may purchase additional copies of their results at a cost of \$25 per copy. Requests must be submitted to the Academy, in writing. The request must include the candidate's name, Social Security number, mailing address, telephone number, date of examination and examination taken. Submit this information with the required fee payable to the American Academy of Pain Management. Duplicate score reports will be mailed approximately two weeks after receipt of the request and fee.

For questions regarding the Credentialing Application and process, contact:
The American Academy of Pain Management
13947 Mono Way Suite #A
Sonora, CA 95370
Phone: 209-533-9744
Fax: 209-533-9750
Email: christine@aapainmanage.org
Website: www.aapainmanage.org

For questions regarding the scheduling of an examination, contact:
Applied Measurement Professionals, Inc.
18000 W 105th Street
Olathe, KS 66061-7543
Phone: 913-895-4600
Fax: 913-895-4651
Email: info@goAMP.com
Website: www.goAMP.com



CREDENTIALING EXAMINATION REGISTRATION FORM

Submit the Examination Fee and the Examination Registration Form to:

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PAIN MANAGEMENT | 13947 MONO WAY #A | SONORA, CA 95370

Please see Credentialing Brochure for information about Computer Based Testing.

Please type, or print with ink.

EMAIL (REQUIRED) _____

NAME _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

ADDRESS _____
STREET ADDRESS
CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE/FAX _____
OFFICE HOME FAX

DISCIPLINE OR SPECIALTY _____

My examination of choice is (please select one):

COMPUTER BASED TESTING BY APPOINTMENT

PAPER/PENCIL TESTING AT ANNUAL CLINICAL MEETING-Completed applications must be received 6 weeks prior to exam date

CITY/STATE _____ DATE _____

Have you previously taken the AAPM Credentialing Examination? YES NO

PRIMARY DISCIPLINE/SPECIALTY

<input type="checkbox"/> 001 Acupuncture	<input type="checkbox"/> 007 Education	<input type="checkbox"/> 012 Pharmacology	<input type="checkbox"/> 017 Social Work
<input type="checkbox"/> 002 Counseling	<input type="checkbox"/> 008 Forensic/Legal	<input type="checkbox"/> 013 Physical Therapy	<input type="checkbox"/> 018 Surgery
<input type="checkbox"/> 003 DC	<input type="checkbox"/> 009 MD	<input type="checkbox"/> 014 Psychology	<input type="checkbox"/> 019 Theology
<input type="checkbox"/> 004 DDS/DMD	<input type="checkbox"/> 010 Nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/> 015 Rehabilitation	<input type="checkbox"/> 020 Other
<input type="checkbox"/> 005 DO	<input type="checkbox"/> 011 Occupational	<input type="checkbox"/> 016 RN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 006 DPM	Therapy		

OPTIONAL

Indicate your gender

Male
 Female
 No Response

Indicate your racial/ethnic group (select one only)

American Indian Hispanic
 Asian White
 Black Other
 No Response

See reverse side for payment options.

I, the undersigned, do agree to the security and examination restrictions as stated in the Credentialing Brochure Computer Based Testing Candidate Information section. I understand that failure to follow the rules of conduct as stated and/or as instructed by the examination proctor may result in my dismissal from the examination, unreported examination results, and forfeit of examination fee.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Submit the Examination Fee and the Examination Registration Form to:

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Please type, or print with ink.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$250 (U.S. funds only) made payable to the American Academy of Pain Management OR

Charge my ___ Master Card ___ Visa

NUMBER _____

EXPIRATION DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PRINTED NAME _____

TELEPHONE _____ OFFICE _____ HOME _____

EMAIL _____

REQUIRED - IF NOT PROVIDED, YOUR EXAMINATION APPOINTMENT CANNOT BE CONFIRMED. EMAIL CONFIRMATION WILL INCLUDE YOUR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.

Note: There is a \$100 rescheduling fee for change of date or location. Contact the Academy for more information.

Statement of Nondiscrimination

The American Academy does not discriminate among applicants on the basis of age, gender, race, religion, national origin, disability, or marital status.

Special Accommodations

The American Academy of Pain Management complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and strives to ensure that no individual with a disability is deprived of the opportunity to take the examination solely by reason of that disability. Reasonable accommodations will be provided for candidates with disabilities. Please view the Computer-Based Testing candidate Information to request special accommodations. You may call the Academy at 209-533-9744 or Applied Measurement Professionals at 888-519-9901 for more information.

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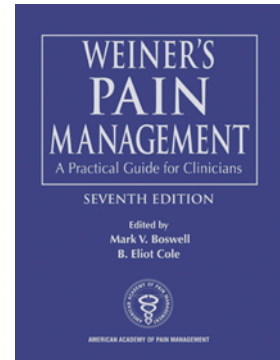
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Name _____ Phone _____

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CREDIT CARD Please charge my: MASTERCARD VISA

Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

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DIRECTIONS FOR ON-LINE SELF-ASSESSMENT EXAMINATION

The Academy offers an on-line Self-Assessment Examination (SAE) designed to prepare you to take the American Academy of Pain Management Credentialing Examination. This SAE is a valuable tool to assist you in determining the needed areas of study.

The cost of the Self-Assessment Examination is \$65 (California residents add \$1.81 sales tax). If you are interested in purchasing this SAE, please complete the following steps:

1. Access the internet
2. Go to www.aapainmanage.org
3. Click "Professionals"
4. Click "Become a Credentialed Member"
5. Click "On-line Self-Assessment Exam"
6. This brings you to the LXRStore
7. Click on the bar that says "Web Tests"
8. Click "Healthcare"
9. Click "American Academy of Pain Management"
10. Click "AAPM Self-Assessment Examination"
11. This brings you to the shopping cart
12. Click "Add to Cart"

Or:

Go to the internet and type <http://store.lxr.com/product.aspx?id=152> in the address line.

PATIENT'S BILL OF RIGHTS

The American Academy of Pain Management endorses a Patient's Bill of Rights.

It is an expectation that compliance with the Patient's Bill of Rights can contribute to an effective program for the patient. A modification of the American Hospital Association's statement on a Patient's Bill of Rights has been incorporated into the framework of the American Academy of Pain Management. The modifications consist of the following:

1. The patient has the right to considerate and respectful care.
2. The patient has the right to obtain from his or her CPP complete and current information concerning the diagnosis, proposed treatment, and prognosis in terms that the patient may reasonably be expected to understand. When it is not advisable to give such information to the patient, the information should be made available to an appropriate person (medical proxy) on the patient's behalf.
3. The patient has the right to receive the necessary information for medical decision making and the granting of informed consent from the treating credentialed practitioner prior to the start of any procedure or treatment. This information shall include at the minimum: the expected procedure or treatment to be used, the name of the practitioner who will perform the procedure or treatment, the likely benefits from the procedure or treatment, possible alternatives to the procedure or treatment, the likely risks and side effects from the procedure or treatment, and the probable duration of incapacitation if any is expected, the prognosis if no treatment is undertaken.
4. The patient has the right to refuse any and all treatment to the extent permitted by law and to be informed of any medical consequences of this action.
5. The patient has the right to every consideration of privacy concerning the medical care provided

except when there is an imminent risk to the individual or others, or when the practitioner is ordered by a court to breach confidentiality.

6. The patient has the right to be advised if the practitioner, agency, or facility proposes to engage in any form of human experimentation affecting the care or treatment provided. The patient has the right to refuse to participate in research projects or to withdraw continued consent to participate without repercussions.
7. The patient has the right to examine and receive an explanation of the bill for professional services rendered. All pain management activities are to be provided with the overriding concern for the patient, and above all, with the recognition of the patient's dignity as a human being.

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Preamble

The American Academy of Pain Management (the Academy) recognizes the many facets of pain and problems that pain patients experience. For this reason, the Academy endorses the collective benefits that professionals from a variety of disciplines can make to the field of pain management.

The conduct of the individual credentialed by the Academy shall be consistent with all applicable local, state, and federal regulations, and with codes of conduct as established by the credentialed individual's primary discipline. Individuals who are credentialed by the Academy are committed to increasing their knowledge of the mechanisms of pain and its respondent behavior. Every effort will be made to safeguard the health and welfare of patients who seek the services of the practitioners credentialed by the Academy.

Professional Conduct by Specialty

Credentialed Pain Practitioners (CPP) are obligated to maintain a skill competency that conforms to the standards of conduct for the individual's practice and discipline. The treatment of pain and the implementation of a patient's plan require that the therapeutic effort be interdisciplinary. CPP will conduct their professional behavior so that it facilitates the services of all team members for the maximum benefit of the patient.

Responsibility

The CPP shall be responsible for determining that standards are applied uniformly and fairly to all individuals who receive services. Individuals who are employed by an institution, agency, or clinic have the responsibility to be alert for institutional pressure that may not serve the best interest of the patient and shall make every effort to improve those conditions.

CPPs provide thorough documentation and timely feedback to members of the team, employers, carriers, and other interested parties in order to assure coordinated managed care. All reports will be objective and based upon an independent

professional opinion within the credentialed individual's expertise. CPPs will provide only those services that are within their scope of practice and they are qualified to perform. CPPs will refrain from providing services that are counter to the ethical standards of their discipline or that would be a violation of standards established by applicable regulatory boards governing service to pain patients.

Confidentiality

Credentialed Pain Practitioners are obligated to safeguard information obtained in the course of their involvement with their patients. Information acquired during the scope of practice may routinely be released only with the patient's written permission. In emergency situations when there exists a clear and imminent danger to the health, safety, or the welfare of the patient or to that of others, or when such release is required by a court order or subpoena, a practitioner may release relevant medical information without the patient's written permission. Individuals who seek the services of credentialed practitioners shall be advised that in some jurisdictions insurance companies, managed care organizations, and regulatory boards may have access to collected information, test results, and opinions. Patients have the right, to the extent that it is feasible, practical, and free from legal or clinical contraindications, to see their medical records at a mutually convenient time for the patient and the practitioner.

Education, Training, and Competence

Credentialed Pain Practitioners shall maintain high standards of professional competence. They shall recognize the limits of their skills and the scope of their licensure. They shall offer services consistent with the standards of their profession. CPPs have an obligation to represent and disclose their training, education, and experience accurately to the public. CPPs engage in continuing education. This will minimally include 100 hours of relevant education in pain management and/or their primary discipline every four years. CPPs recognize that the field of pain management is rapidly developing and shall be open to considering and evaluating new approaches

and procedures for the management of pain. CPPs shall refrain from procedures and treatments that may result in harm to a patient without first considering the alternatives to such therapies. CPPs shall seek to employ treatments and services that may achieve the greatest benefit with the fewest associated risks whenever possible. CPPs shall obtain consultations with other providers when indicated and inform the patient of the likely risks inherent to the proposed approaches, procedures, or treatments.

CODE OF ETHICS

Business Procedures

CPPs shall abide by all prevailing community standards. They shall adhere to all local, state, and federal laws regulating business practice. Competitive advertising must be honest, factual, and accurate. Such advertising must avoid making exaggerated claims. CPPs shall not enter into arrangements in which fees are split or exchanged, or where a conflict of interest or undue influence about services rendered would exist. CPPs shall engage in behavior that conforms to high standards of ethical, legal, and moral behavior. CPPs shall never engage in sexual contact with their patients.

Research

CPPs may engage in research concerning the management of pain. In doing so, they shall regard the safety of their subjects as a priority. Investigations shall be consistent with the traditions and practices of the credentialed practitioner's discipline. Credit shall be given to all individuals who participate in a research study, but only those who actually participated in the design, study implementation, data analysis of the outcome, or the manuscript preparation shall be listed as authors.

