
Preface to *Treatment of Chronic Pain by Medical Approaches*

We are grateful for the positive reception of *Comprehensive Treatment of Chronic Pain by Medical, Interventional, and Integrative Approaches: The AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PAIN MEDICINE Textbook on Patient Management* following its publication last year. The book was conceived as an all-encompassing clinical reference covering the entire spectrum of approaches to pain management: medical, interventional, and integrative. Discussions with pain medicine physicians and health professionals since then have persuaded us that the book could serve even more readers if sections on each of the major approaches were made available as individual volumes – while some readers want a comprehensive resource, others may need only a certain slice. We are pleased that these “spin-off” volumes are now available. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge once more the outstanding efforts and hard work of the Associate Editors responsible for the sections:

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Treatment of Chronic Pain by Interventional Approaches:

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Treatment of Chronic Pain by Integrative Approaches:

The American Academy of Pain Medicine Textbook on Patient Management

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We greatly appreciate the feedback of our readers and strive to continue to improve our educational materials as we educate each other. Please send me your input and thoughts to improve future volumes.

Our main goal is to improve patient safety and outcomes. We are hopeful that the content of these materials accomplishes this mission for you and for the patients to whom you offer care and compassion.

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