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Congratulations to Editor-in-Chief Robert Hurley, MD, PhD, HALM, FASA, Deputy Editors-in-Chief Zachary McCormick, MD, and Claudia Campbell, PhD, Managing Editor Colleen Healy, and the entire editorial team for their dedication to advancing high-quality pain medicine research. [Learn more about *Pain Medicine* →](#)

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PAIN MEDICINE JOURNAL

Shrinking Pipelines and Shifting Priorities: An Analysis of the 2019-2025 Pain Medicine Fellowship Match

Pain Medicine

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A Prospective Diary Study of Chronic Pain-Related Intrusive Mental Imagery: 'Trolls Climbing Up My Spine With Ice Axes' and Other Vivid Images

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People with chronic pain can experience intrusive mental images related to pain, that is, cognitions in the form of sensory-like experiences without actual sensory input. Previous retrospective studies suggested that such images are prevalent, associated with strong emotions and contribute to pain maintenance. [Read More](#)

Pain Outcomes and Predictors in Transoral Vestibular Thyroidectomy

Pain Management Nursing

The transoral endoscopic thyroidectomy vestibular approach is an emerging minimally invasive alternative to conventional open thyroidectomy; however, postoperative pain data remain limited. This retrospective study aimed to determine the incidence of moderate to severe pain in the post-anesthesia care unit after thyroidectomy vestibular approach and to identify associated factors. [Read More](#)

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Total Hip Arthroplasty for Hip Osteoarthritis Improves Pain and Function

Physician's Weekly

Among patients with moderate-to-severe hip osteoarthritis, total hip arthroplasty followed by postoperative rehabilitation resulted in clinically meaningful improvements in pain, function and health-related quality of life compared with conservative management by means of a self-directed exercise program, according to findings from a randomized controlled trial published in The Bone & Joint Journal. [Read More](#)

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How Are Health Systems Managing Thousands of Devices on Their Networks?

HealthTech Magazine

With more than 60,000 devices on Main Line Health's network, the Philadelphia-based health system needed better visibility into its complex environment to protect against potential cyberthreats, including ransomware attacks. [Read More](#)

Distress Level in Healthcare, Life Sciences Sectors High in New Survey

American Journal of Managed Care

A total of three out of four healthcare and life sciences executives reported a distress level of seven or higher in the healthcare and life sciences sectors in a new survey focused on assessing stress felt by operators, investors and advisors in the healthcare industry. The survey also highlighted the main priorities of organizations across the country, including the integration of artificial intelligence. [Read More](#)

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