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AAPM invites you to participate in a brief research survey exploring **pain medicine clinicians' knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs about how breast tissue may impact pain disorders.**

This anonymous survey aims to better understand current perspectives within the pain medicine community and help inform future research. Participation is voluntary and confidential, and it involves completing a single online questionnaire.

Your input can help expand the evidence base and advance understanding of an often-overlooked aspect of pain care. [Complete the survey →](#)



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July Member Focus: Dr. Amanda Toye

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This month, AAPM is proud to spotlight **Dr. Amanda Toye**, Chief of the Division of Pain Medicine at Vanderbilt University Medical Center and one of AAPM's newest **Director-at-Large**. A dedicated clinician, educator, and mentor, Dr. Toye is committed to advancing compassionate, interdisciplinary pain care while helping train the next generation of pain medicine specialists.

[Read Dr. Toye's Member Focus →](#)



PAIN MEDICINE JOURNAL

Return to Work After Neurostimulation for Chronic Pain: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

Pain Medicine

Chronic pain patients experience more work disability leading to unemployment and major individual, societal and economic burden. Implanted neurostimulation has proven good results in terms of pain relief for chronic pain patients. As new stimulation techniques, paradigms and targets are being researched, a comprehensive synthesis of the effects of implanted neurostimulation on occupational outcomes remains undetermined. [Read More](#)

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PAIN RESEARCH NEWS

'Heroes Were (And Could Be) Created': An Exploration of Adolescents' Perspectives of Portrayals of Pain and Empathy in Media

European Journal of Pain

Research suggests that media consumption plays a role in socialization, including the socialization of painful experiences. Findings from previous research examining pain depictions in popular adolescent media suggest that violence and injuries are frequently represented, marginalized populations are underrepresented and observers lack prosocial responses to sufferers' pain. [Read More](#)

Effects of Virtual Reality Interventions on Pain and Anxiety in Burn Care

Pain Management Nursing

Burn care often causes intense pain and anxiety despite medication. Researchers are testing virtual reality as a distraction tool to improve patient comfort. Early findings suggest immersion level may shape experience more than outcomes. [Read More](#)

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Low Dose Bolus Ketamine for Use In Sickle Cell Pain Crisis

ClinicalTrials.gov

In this study, researchers will be using Ketamine for pain control during a Sickle Cell Disease pain crisis, along with our current adjuncts (Tylenol, Toradol, Lidocaine patch or heat packs), in hopes to lower the rate of admission to the hospital for continued pain control. [Read More](#)



INDUSTRY NEWS

Beyond Mentorship: How Sponsorship Accelerates Physician Leadership

DocWire News

In medicine, mentors guide your career growth, but sponsors can change your trajectory. In this interview, Monique Nugent, M.D., MPH, explains why sponsorship, built on trust and initiative, is critical for advancing leadership skills and navigating the less-defined pathways of medical careers. [Read More](#)

US Drug Approvals Surpass 10-Year Average in 2025

GlobalData

The U.S. FDA approved 131 drugs last year through its New Drug Application, Biologics License Application, and biosimilar pathways, leading to a steady 4.8% year-on-year increase in approvals. After an uneven decade in which new drug approvals fluctuated widely, the number approved by U.S. regulators in 2025 exceeded the 10-year average, according to GlobalData, a leading intelligence and productivity platform. [Read More](#)

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