

Dr. Twillman received a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of California, Los Angeles. From 2001 through 2007, he was the Pain Management Program Director at the University of Kansas Hospital, in which capacity he was responsible for directing inpatient pain management efforts. Dr. Twillman now works primarily in the University of Kansas Cancer Center, where he focuses on pain management, palliative care, and psycho-oncology, and in the newly-opened Marc A. Asher Comprehensive Spine Center. Dr. Twillman was a founding member of the University of Kansas Hospital's Palliative Care Service. He is also a Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Kansas School of Medicine and an Adjunct Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Kansas.

Dr. Twillman is a member of the American Pain Society, the American Psychological Association (and the divisions of Health Psychology and Clinical Psychology of the same), the American Psycho-Oncology Society, the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, and the International Association for the Study of Pain. He is also a fellow of the Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine. Dr. Twillman has been actively involved in the Alliance of State Pain Initiatives, having served on the task force that formed the organization and, for the past 11 years, as a member of the Advisory Council of that organization. From 2003 through 2005, Dr. Twillman was chair of the ASPI Advisory Council. Dr. Twillman has also served as chair of the Analgesic Regulatory Affairs Committee of the American Pain Society, and is currently a member of the APS Public Policy Committee.

Dr. Twillman's interests lie in the application of psychological and pharmacotherapeutic interventions in pain management and palliative care. Additionally, he is conducting research related to the impact of public policy on pain management, especially with respect to prescription monitoring programs. Dr. Twillman maintains an active clinical practice, and is heavily involved in teaching medical students, residents, and clinical psychology graduate students and interns.