

SCOTT M. FISHMAN, MD
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Dr. Scott M. Fishman is Chief of the Division of Pain Medicine and Professor of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine at the University of California, Davis. He was formerly Medical Director of the Massachusetts General Hospital Pain Center at Harvard Medical School. His medical degree is from the University of Massachusetts Medical School. Formal clinical training is in Internal Medicine (Greenwich/Yale University School of Medicine) and Psychiatry (Massachusetts General/Harvard Medical School). He completed Pain Medicine fellowship training through the Department of Anesthesia and Critical Care at Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Fishman has received board certification in Internal Medicine (American Board of Internal Medicine), Psychiatry (American Board of Neurology and Psychiatry), Pain Medicine (American Board of Pain Medicine) and Palliative Medicine (American Board of Hospice and Palliative Medicine.)

Dr. Fishman lectures on all aspects of pain and its treatment throughout the US. He has authored “*The War on Pain*” through Harper Collins Publishers and “*Listening to Pain*” through Waterford Life Sciences. He has also co-authored “The Massachusetts General Hospital Handbook of Pain Management” (Lippincott) and Essentials of Pain Medicine and Regional Anesthesia (Elsevir.) He has recently authored *Responsible Opioid Prescribing* for the Federation of State Medical Boards which will be delivered to all US prescribers through state medical boards. Dr. Fishman has authored many peer-reviewed articles in medical journals, book chapters, and other scholarly reviews. He is senior editor of the journal Pain Medicine and serves on the editorial boards of numerous other medical journals.

Dr. Fishman is President and Chairman of the Board for the American Pain Foundation. He is past president of the American Academy of Pain Medicine and previously served on the board of directors for the American Pain Society. He advocates for the field of pain medicine with consumers and lawmakers, having testified in both state and national legislatures. He serves as a consultant to numerous government agencies and organizations such as the Federation of State Medical Boards, The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), The Department of Health and Human Services, state medical boards and other regulatory agencies.

Dr. Fishman has spoken about pain widely in the major TV media such as the Today Show, Good Morning America and the ABC Nightly News and has been quoted in the major written press such as The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Time Magazine and Newsweek. He has served as the Pain Expert for Discoveryhealth.com and has a monthly question and answer column for the American Pain Foundation newsletter. Dr. Fishman has most recently been honored with the University of California, Davis Dean’s Award for Excellence in Mentoring, the John and Emma Bonica Award for Public Service from the American Pain Society, the American Academy of Pain Medicine/Phillip Lippe Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Social and Political Aspect of Pain Medicine, and as Ambassador of the Year by the National Pain Foundation.

Dr. Fishman's clinical interests include cancer related pain management, peripheral and central neuropathic pain, chronic opioid usage, and spinal injection therapies. His major research interests include models for functional assessment and pharmacovigilance in chronic opioid therapy, legal issues and regulatory policy on pain care, novel analgesic therapies, models of visceral pain, models of hyperalgesia and central sensitization, informatics strategies to serve clinical practice, quantitative sensory testing in acute and chronic pain states, neuronal plasticity and brain imaging in pain.