

## **Report on the Work of the Oregon Pain Management Commission to Review Oregon Educational Institution Pain Management Curricula**

Oregon Revised Statute 409.510 requires the Oregon Pain Management Commission (OPMC) to review pain management curricula of Oregon educational institutions. The commission is directed to make recommendations about legislation needed to ensure that adequate information about pain management is included in the curricula of all Oregon institutions, based on the findings of those programs reviewed. The commission is directed to report its findings to the Legislative Assembly by January 1 of each odd-numbered year. Due to a vacancy in the only paid position that supports the work of the OPMC, this report is being submitted late, with apologies.

The following curriculum was reviewed and discussed by OPMC members during this biennium:

Pacific University School of Physical Therapy:

Richard Rutt, PT, ATC/R, PhD, Program Director, presented an overview of the pain management curriculum to the commission. OPMC members were in agreement that the program's pain management curriculum integrated throughout the program meets all suggested elements that are appropriate for physical therapy students. The OPMC is happy to report no identified deficiencies in their pain management curriculum.

Additional key points of focus and activities for the Oregon Pain Management Commission projected for the next biennial will focus on the following:

- Review of four educational institution's pain and pain management curriculum
- Revisions to the OPMC web-based pain education module
- Scheduled presentations from pain clinics for evaluation/review of delivery systems & models of care for patients with pain.

- Planning for and supporting Drug Take Back events during the months of Sept/Oct 2015 with the Pain Society of Oregon.
- Proposed public awareness campaign in September 2015 for Pain Awareness Month
- Review the draft National Pain Strategy (<http://iprcc.nih.gov/docs/DraftHHSNationalPainStrategy.pdf>) and make recommendations that are specific to reducing the burden of pain for Oregonians.
- Finalize legislative recommendations that would expand the pain education requirement to additional health care professionals that impact the treatment for patients with pain.

This report is respectfully submitted by the OPMC on June 3, 2015.

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