



## **PAINWeek2012 to Address Diabetes and Pain Connection**

*The PAINWeek2012 national conference will devote a full-day track examining the connection between diabetes and chronic pain conditions.*

Montclair, NJ ([PRWEB](#)) December 14, 2011 -- PAINWeek, the national conference on pain for frontline practitioners, today announced significant enhancements to the 2012 course agenda with a new therapeutic track that explores the management of pain conditions often associated with diabetes. Debra Weiner, Director of Program Development for PAINWeek observed, "The connection between diabetes and pain is rarely addressed, and PAINWeek is excited to be taking the lead in providing new course content to our attendees in this important arena of pain management."

The American Diabetes Association reports that about 50% of people with diabetes have some form of nerve damage, known as diabetic neuropathy. Effective management of peripheral neuropathic pain is one of the diabetes-related conditions to be addressed at next year's PAINWeek, scheduled to convene for the 6th consecutive year from September 5-8, 2012, at The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas.

Other additions to the program curriculum in this arena include:

- Diabetes and peripheral artery disease (PAD) with a focus on claudication and ulcers
- Mononeuropathies, both cranial and peripheral
- Diabetes' impact on the GI tract, including conditions from GERD to gastroparesis to thoracic polyneuropathy
  
- Musculoskeletal complications of diabetes, including hand, shoulder, and ankle pain, as well as bone and muscle pain.

These new course offerings will further augment the annual offering of approximately 12 different tracks in the PAINWeek curriculum, the most comprehensive curriculum of pain management available.

In 2011, PAINWeek registered over 1500 healthcare practitioners from a variety of medical specialties, compelling evidence of the significant interest in pain management by frontline clinicians. Faculty member Sean Mackey, MD, Chief, Division of Pain Management at Stanford University School of Medicine observed, "We have 116,000,000 Americans suffering from chronic pain. We have only several thousand pain specialists. There is simply not enough to go around. Primary care physicians are the ones who are seeing these patients first. PAINWeek does a great job in educating primary care specialists about contemporary topics in pain medicine and pain management. I applaud their efforts."

To learn more and register for PAINWeek2012, visit [www.painweek.org](http://www.painweek.org).

About PAINWeek

PAINWeek is the nation's largest pain conference for frontline practitioners with an interest in pain management. Convening for its 6th year from September 5-8, 2012, at The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas, PAINWeek will welcome over 1,500 physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and other healthcare professionals for a comprehensive program of course offerings, satellite events, and exhibits. Over 100 hours of continuing medical education activities will be presented.

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