



PAINWeek2011 Welcomes Patient Advocate Myra Christopher

Myra Christopher, CEO of the Center for Practical Bioethics, and member of the Institute of Medicine's Pain Study Committee, will speak at the 2011 PAINWeekNational Conference.

([PRWEB](#)) August 31, 2011 -- PAINWeek, the National Conference on Pain for Frontline Practitioners, has announced that Myra Christopher will participate in the keynote festivities at this year's conference at The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas. Ms. Christopher is the 2010 recipient of the American Academy of Pain Medicine's Patient Advocacy award. She is President and CEO of the Center for Practical Bioethics and has served as a member of the Pain Study Committee at the Institutes of Medicine (IOM), focusing on the undertreatment of chronic pain. At this year's conference Ms. Christopher will be discussing her involvement with the ground-breaking IOM report, *Relieving Pain in American: A Blueprint for Transformation in Prevention, Care, Education, and Research*, issued earlier this summer. Ms. Christopher will address conference attendees during the welcome and keynote activities on Wednesday, September 7, 2011.

According to Ms. Christopher, "The fundamental ethical obligation of a healthcare professional is to relieve pain and suffering. Most pain can be managed, but as we know, often it is not. However, we should not blame our healthcare professionals for not doing what they have not been trained to do. PAINWeek provides an outstanding opportunity for caring compassionate healthcare providers to learn about pain management and to uphold the covenant between them and those who suffer."

Debra Weiner, Director of PAINWeek Program Development, stated, "We are excited to welcome Myra Christopher to the PAINWeek2011 national conference. Her work as a patient advocate, along with the findings of the IOM report is extremely important in shaping the future direction of pain management education and healthcare delivery."

About PAINWeek

PAINWeek is the nation's largest pain conference for frontline practitioners with an interest in pain management. Convening for its fifth year from September 7-10 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 120 hours of continuing medical education activities will be presented. Additional information is available at www.painweek.org.

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