



# Spine Medicine and Spinal Cord Injury

Spine medicine procedures and techniques continue to be a strong area of interest for PM&R physicians. Similarly, AAPM&R's members identify a continued need for educational activities focused on relevant spinal cord injury topics. As such, the Academy has developed a variety of educational activities focused on these areas.

## Spinal Procedures Workshop Series

The Spinal Procedures Workshop (SPW) Series is designed to enable participants to evaluate the potential for integrating these procedures in their practices. Physicians who complete the series as designated will clearly understand the indications, techniques, anatomy, risks, and benefits involved in using these procedures.

The series is organized in three levels. Mastery of the skills introduced in each course is necessary to safely progress to the next. The 2009 calendar includes sessions for each level: introductory (101), intermediate (201), and advanced (301) workshops. Each provides didactic lectures and round-table discussions pertaining to the hands-on laboratory.

## Spine Medicine and Spinal Cord Injury Educational Track at AAPM&R Annual Assembly

The AAPM&R 70th Annual Assembly Spine Medicine and Spinal Cord Injury Educational Track will focus on the current and reoccurring conditions that affect the spine and spinal cord as they relate to physical medicine and rehabilitation. Didactic sessions and workshops in this track will allow attendees to incorporate evidence-based guidelines for management and rehabilitation of these conditions into their own practice, understand underlying relevant basic science and translational research, and learn about new and emerging developments and techniques in the field.

The track's educational activities include clinical pearls, poster grand rounds, and hands-on and

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interactive workshops. The track is intended to educate all types of PM&R physicians on spine medicine by offering sessions for a variety of skill levels (beginner, intermediate, and advanced).

## Spinal Cord Injury Case Studies: Online Learning via academe

The AAPM&R Spinal Cord Injury Case Study Series is a programmed learning series of case studies in spinal cord injury for physiatrists, residents in physiatry, and other physicians.

Each stage of the case is presented sequentially, just as physicians might uncover clinically relevant information in a diagnostic protocol. Each case includes the diagnostic impression, discussion, and references.

## Grant Request

Unrestricted educational grants are sought for the following educational activities:

- Spinal Procedures Workshop Series: \$10,000
- In Kind Equipment Donations: C-arm machines with monitors, disc monitors, radiofrequency machines, needles, and technician support
- Annual Assembly Educational Track: \$25,000
- Online Case Studies: \$5,000

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