

# SPASTICITY SUMMIT SCOOP

## WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE'RE DOING

We are the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation working to address gaps in spasticity management and patient care through bringing together a select group of medical professionals, disability advocates, government officials, industry representatives, and insurers to discuss potential solutions to improve care and patient outcomes.

## IN THE NEWS

Earlier this year, National Government Services (Medicare) published a Local Coverage Determination (LCD) which directly impacts the use of toxins in the spasticity patient populations. If this were implemented, the draft LCD and articles will have harmful impacts on patient access to critically needed botulinum toxin treatment. These policies will decrease the reimbursable diagnoses, reduce the maximum dosage for specific toxins, and propose other changes to coverage.

## READING OF THE MONTH

On July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, AAPM&R released a press article outlining the fight to maintain botulinum toxin coverage for Spasticity and Dystonia. To read more, [click here](#).

## LOGISTICS

The summit will take place in the evening of December 2<sup>nd</sup> for an informal reception/gathering and 8am-3pm on December 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Chicagoland area. As of now, the AAPM&R team is working hard to finalize a meeting space. Updates coming soon. Please RSVP if you haven't done so already.

## SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

AAPM&R would like to express our gratitude to AbbVie, Ipsen, and Merz for their ongoing support of AAPM&R's strategic commitment to impact patients with spasticity. Their ongoing support allows AAPM&R's efforts in this space to continue. Additionally, these organizations are recognized as Mission Partners, the highest-level year-round supporters of AAPM&R. We remain grateful for their collaboration with AAPM&R.

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