

OCTOBER 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 improved care and patient outcomes.

IN THE NEWS

As discussed in the August Spasticity Summit Scoop, AAPM&R responded to five Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) releasing draft local coverage determinations (LCDs) which would significantly restrict coverage for botulinum toxin injections for spasticity and other conditions. This month, two MACs that did not release draft LCDs earlier this year, Novitas and First Coast Service Options, have now released their draft LCDs on botulinum toxin. AAPM&R is working alongside member experts in spasticity management to draft responses to the draft LCDs by the November 23rd deadline. We encourage members who treat patients in the First Coast or Novitas jurisdiction to submit comment as well.

To review the draft LCDs, [click here](#).

READING OF THE MONTH

Dr. Kimberly Heckert, an accomplished physiatrist at Thomas Jefferson University and Academy member, was the lead author of a recent article published in Molecular Diversity Preservation International (MDPI) titled “Delphi Analysis: Optimizing Anatomy Teaching and Ultrasound Training for Botulinum Neurotoxin Type A Injection in Spasticity and Dystonia.” The article establishes a consensus on best practices for anatomy education and ultrasound-guided botulinum neurotoxin type A (BoNT-A) injection training for specialists treating spasticity and dystonia. The article identifies a variety of key areas that can assist in the development of effective training programs in these fields.

To read on, [click here](#).

LOGISTICS

This map shows a national representation of our summit invitees – medical professionals, disability advocates, government officials, industry representatives, and insurers – who are invited to join to discuss potential solutions for improved care. Each marker represents a unique perspective, bringing together committed professionals to enhance patient outcomes and foster collaboration as it relates to spasticity management. **If you have not RSVP'd to attend, please do so!**



COMPANY CENTER STAGE

The following sessions related to Spasticity are taking place during Annual Assembly in San Diego this year!

- AbbVie Sponsored Theater: Evidence-Based Spasticity Management: Muscle Selection Pattern and Dosing
- Merz Therapeutics Sponsored Theater: Customizing Upper Limb Spasticity Injection Approaches Using Advanced Guidance Techniques and Robust Patient Assessments: A Live Patient Demonstration
- IPSEN Learning Lab Booth #403: Adult Spasticity Diagnosis and Injector Session with B.E.G.I.N.
- Horses and Zebras in the Spasticity Zoo
- Profitable Compassion: Diverse Approaches to Creating Spasticity Clinics
- The Art of Treating Spasticity: Ultrasound Workshop (sold out)
- Trouble Shooting with Intrathecal Baclofen: Earn Your Detective Badge
- Neuro Rehab Advanced Clinical Focus Session: Beyond Botulinum Toxin: Advanced Spasticity Management

For more details about the schedule, please [click here](#).

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

AAPM&R would like to express our gratitude to AbbVie, Ipsen, Merz, and Medtronic for their ongoing support of AAPM&R's strategic commitment to impact patients with spasticity. Their support allows AAPM&R's efforts in this space to continue. Additionally, AbbVie, Ipsen and Merz 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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