

TECHNOLOGY SUMMIT SCOOP - AUG

WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE'RE DOING

The American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPM&R) is the national medical specialty organization representing more than 9,000 physicians who are specialists in physical medicine and rehabilitation (PM&R). PM&R physicians, also known as physiatrists, are medical experts in treating a wide variety of conditions affecting the brain, spinal cord, nerves, bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, and tendons. PM&R physicians evaluate and treat injuries, illnesses, and disabilities, and are experts in designing comprehensive, patient-centered treatment plans. Physiatrists utilize cutting edge as well as time-tested treatments to maximize function and quality of life. [Learn more about the Academy here.](#)

IN THE NEWS

On July 10, 2024, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released its [CY 2025 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule \(PFS\) proposed rule](#). Notable technology and telehealth related proposals in this rule include:

- CMS proposes that if the patient is not capable of, or does not consent to the use of, video technology, a two-way, real-time audio only communication technology can be included as an interactive telecommunications system. However, CMS coverage of all telehealth services will be limited if Congress does not extend or make permanent existing flexibilities.
- CMS proposes to remove frequency limitations for telehealth care services in inpatient and Skilled Nursing Facilities, and critical care consultations.
- CMS does not propose to adopt the American Medical Association (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Editorial Panel telemedicine codes.

In other news, Mass General Brigham was recently granted funding from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services to run a randomized controlled trial of delivering short-term rehab care at home versus at a skilled nursing facility. [Read more here.](#)

 **READING OF THE MONTH**

The Academy convened an expert group of leaders to examine telehealth innovation across various practice settings and areas of care unique to the PM&R specialty. [This white paper](#), published in 2023, summarizes the cutting-edge use of telehealth in our specialty, identifies current knowledge deficits and technological limitations, outlines the strength of available evidence, and explores new and transformative opportunities for PM&R to advance translational research and patient care.

 **LOGISTICS**

The agenda is in progress, and we have some logistical updates that will help inform your travel plans! The Technology Summit dinner will be at 6:30 pm on Thursday, December 5. The Summit will conclude by 4 pm on Friday, December 6. Guest accommodations will be at [The Rose Hotel](#). Please watch for an email from Kayla Martin with information on how to book your flights. Your hotel room for the night of December 5 will be booked by the Academy after your flight is confirmed.

 **COMPANY CENTER STAGE**

We are excited to welcome Summit attendee, Seth Bornstein, representing Kemtai:

“Kemtai is a computer vision exercise and assessment platform that provides real-time corrective guidance and adherence tracking for scalable physical therapy and MSK care. MSK care is the largest driver of US healthcare cost at \$420B. Current treatments for MSK include surgery (costly, not always effective), pain-killers (unsustainable), and PT (unscalable). Kemtai takes the guidance that makes traditional PT effective and scales it globally. It drives accessibility because patients can use Kemtai anytime, anywhere, and it drives accountability because clinicians can track key performance and adherence data. Because the majority of MSK patients still seek treatment within the networks of traditional providers, Kemtai is excited to continue expanding our health system partnerships throughout the US.”

Check out some relevant topics from Kemtai’s Summer Webinar Series below. Registration for upcoming sessions will be published on Kemtai’s social networks.

July 16: [The Evolution of Digital MSK Care and How It Will Continue to Change](#)

Upcoming: How Physical Therapy Clinicians Use Technology to Improve Patient Care

Upcoming: Cracking the Code: Understanding Remote Therapeutic Monitoring