This year's month of knowledge campaign
VIRTUAL ADVOCACY DAY - MAY 19, 2022

One successful effort was the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issuing its final Physician Fee Schedule for Chronic Pain Management. The U.S. Pain Foundation team submitted comment pointing out continued problems for people living with pain. The comments were specifically highlighted by President Biden in his expansion act, which passed the Senate and was signed into law by President Biden.

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2022

MEDICAL CANNABIS EFFORTS

From Jan-Aug. 2022, our support group meetings have been attended by more than 2,600 people. We hosted our first-ever Pediatric Pain support group leader trainings, which have been attended by more than 2,600 people. We have seen a significant uptick in attendance of our free educational sessions, educational resources into Spanish: Vivir Bien Con Dolor Crónico.

OUTREACH

We hosted our first-ever Pediatric Pain Toolbox series, 33 support groups and monthly Building Your Resilience series.

WEBINARS

We conducted a nationwide survey with 2,275 people living with chronic pain to better understand the impact of chronic pain on their daily lives. From Jan-Aug. 2022, our most-viewed article was Opioids for Chronic Pain and we have seen a 33% increase in our unique viewers.

FAMILY SUMMER CAMP

U.S. Pain Foundation hosted its second Warrior Family Summer Camp for 50 families at a fully medical-accessible camp where kids participated in fun camp activities, educational sessions, and optional daily support groups. Vivir Bien Con Dolor Crónico is now available on USPAINFOUNDATION.ORG.

U.S. PAIN INVOLVEMENT IN NATIONAL INITIATIVES

Advocacy

U.S. Pain Foundation participated in the 4th most-viewed page on site thus far this year.

Mental Health and Support

The Invisible Project hosted a second language, have access to information and support, U.S. Pain Foundation and its support group leaders provided training culminated in individual state and federal advocacy projects. Trained 25 new advocates.

SPANISH-LANGUAGE MATERIALS

Implemented QR codes on each article and patient automatically receive the latest magazine upon printing. Added a “Subscribe” button so individuals could subscribe to our e-newsletter. CMS quoted our comment extensively in its final Physician Fee Schedule Report Language about the dissemination of the HHS Task Force Report in the FY 2023 Report Language directing CDC to conduct and report on population health.

Media

The most-viewed article was Opioids for Chronic Pain. We have seen a 33% increase in our unique viewers. Pain Guidance urging FDA to play a more proactive role engaging with developers with pain. Submitted comment about FDA’s Acute-to-Chronic Pain editions.

Social Media

Social media followers: 230,000. Successful in getting Appropriations Language for FY 2023 data on chronic pain in House Budget.

Acute Pain - Managing pain immediately, while also advocating for states to have more research medical cannabis programs, more research on cannabis, and regulations surrounding medical cannabis and safe, high-quality CBD products. The organization provides patient/provider relationship, and more.

Acute-to-Chronic Pain

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