The National Pain Strategy (NPS) is the federal government’s first coordinated plan for reducing the burden of chronic pain that affects millions of Americans. It serves as a roadmap toward achieving a system of care in which all people receive appropriate, high quality and evidence-based care for pain.

Update on the Federal Pain Research Strategy
The Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee is developing a strategic plan for pain research across federal agencies as part of their charge to enhance pain research efforts and advance the fundamental understanding of pain and pain-related treatment strategies [http://iprcc.nih.gov/FPRS/FPRS.htm](http://iprcc.nih.gov/FPRS/FPRS.htm)

FPRS Steering Committee
Co-chairs: Dr. Linda Porter & Dr. Allan Basbaum

The following working-groups have been established and members have begun work developing priorities:

- **PREVENTION OF ACUTE & CHRONIC PAIN**
  - Co-chairs: Dr. David Reuben & Dr. Robert Gatchel

- **ACUTE PAIN & ACUTE PAIN MANAGEMENT**
  - Co-chairs: Dr. Ardem Patapoutian & Dr. Chris Miaskowski

- **TRANSITION FROM ACUTE TO CHRONIC PAIN**
  - Co-chairs: Dr. Robert Dworkin & Dr. Ted Price

- **CHRONIC PAIN & CHRONIC PAIN MANAGEMENT**
  - Co-chairs: Dr. Seddon Savage & Dr. Jianren Mao

- **DISPARITIES**
  - Co-chairs: Dr. Cheryl Stucky & Dr. Roger Fillingim

Interagency Pain Research Portfolio Database Update
The IPRP database has been updated to include federally funded pain-related grants from FY2011 – FY 2014 [http://paindatabase.nih.gov](http://paindatabase.nih.gov)

HHS Releases Research Portfolio Brief on Pain and Opioid Use
As part of the HHS Secretary’s Opioid Initiative, a portfolio review was performed. It identifies current and future research opportunities on pain and opioid misuse and overdose. [View Portfolio Brief](http://iprcc.nih.gov/FPRS/FPRS.htm)