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# Quarterly Newsletter

## July

### NIH Pain Consortium Quarterly Meeting

- Topics of discussion included two FOA concept proposals, pain awareness month, and a PC coordinating committee. Updates included receipt & referral guidelines, the National Pain Strategy, the Low Back Pain Task Force & the PC Website.
- View the [NIH Pain Consortium Quarterly Meeting minutes](#)

### Updated [NIH Pain Consortium Website](#) Released

- Completely restructured user-friendly website that includes a [Health Information](#) page

## August

### NINDS Director, IPRCC Chair, and NIH Pain Consortium Executive Committee Member, Dr. Story Landis, Announces Retirement

- After 19 years of service at NINDS, first as Scientific Director and then Director, Dr. Landis announced that she will be retiring in early October
- Dr. Landis has made a significant contribution to advancing NIH's pain-related activities, and the NIH Pain Consortium and Office of Pain Policy will miss her leadership

## September

### Pain Awareness Month Promotion #PainMonth14

- NIH Pain Consortium promoted Pain Awareness Month in September, including [videos with Institute and Center Directors](#), a radio tour, Twitter chats, and more
- View a summary of NIH's Pain Awareness Month activities at [@NIHPainResearch](#) and remember to follow us!
- Check out the [pain infographic](#), [low back pain quiz](#), and [NIH Pain Awareness Month calendar](#)

### Investigators' Meeting on Chronic Overlapping Pain Conditions

- Held on September 16-17 on the NIH campus
- NIH-supported clinical pain researchers discussed data coordination opportunities and needed resources to advance research on Chronic Overlapping Pain Conditions

### IPRCC Meeting

- Held on September 24 on the NIH campus
- An update on the National Pain Strategy was provided and the development of a long-term strategy for federal pain research was discussed
- View the [IPRCC meeting agenda, videocast, and more](#)

### Pathways to Prevention Workshop: The Role of Opioids in the Treatment of Chronic Pain

- Held September 29-30 on the NIH campus to review evidence for long-term effectiveness, potential risks, management strategies, risk mitigation strategies, and future research needs and priorities on opioids for treating chronic pain
- Learn more about the [Pathways to Prevention Workshop](#)

### National Pain Strategy Update

- The National Pain Strategy Report is nearing its final stages and is expected to be released for public comment by the end of the year

## Additional Information

### NIH Understanding Pain Seminar Series

- Check out the upcoming [pain seminars](#) on the NIH campus