



WIP, the global institute for the advancement of physician education, training, and certification in pain medicine; with emphasis on interventional techniques.



WORLD INSTITUTE OF PAIN®





The World Institute of Pain®

Founded in 1993, WIP is a global institute for the education, certification, and advancement of pain physicians. As an international membership organization, WIP facilitates the exchange of pain medical knowledge and practical expertise through member and non-member participation in World Congresses, international and regional symposia, and practical workshops. Through WIP, physicians assess and contribute to the scholarly body of original articles, case studies, practice guidelines, and evidence-based compositions in the WIP journal, *PAIN Practice*; demonstrate competency in interventional techniques via advanced certification culminating in the designation of Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice® and mentor other physicians to achieve the same symbol of professional excellence; and, foster the highest standards of education, training, and research through their pain center's recognition as an Excellence in Pain Practice (EPP) Award recipient.



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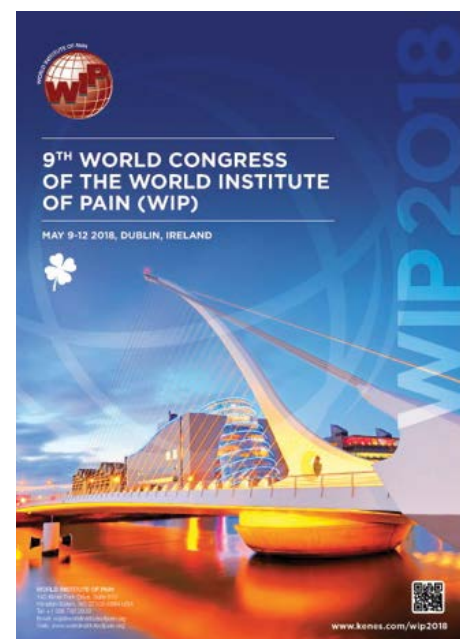
The preeminent summit on pain management, the biennial WIP World Congress is the mainstay of WIP's educational mission. WIP World Congresses contribute to the global advancement of pain education and clinical practice standards of excellence.

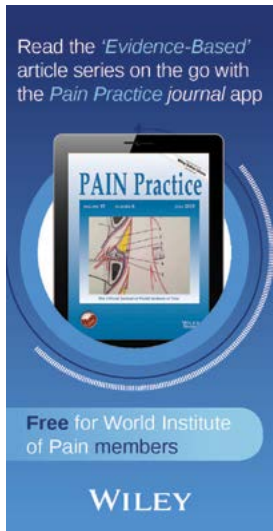
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WIP organizes and endorses regional and international symposia and practice workshops that are organized by a FIPP® member of WIP and enrich the educational mission of WIP.





PAIN Practice

The official journal of WIP, *PAIN Practice* was introduced in 2001. Published by Wiley and indexed in MEDLINE® *PAIN Practice* is a forum for physicians to acquire and contribute to the knowledge needed to promote the advancement of interventional pain practice around the world.

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The Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice® FIPP® certification program, introduced in 2001, has certified more than 1,000 physicians from over 60 countries. The multi-part examination encompassing theoretical, practical and oral assessments, is based on currently-accepted levels of knowledge and expertise in interventional techniques. The FIPP® certification program contributes to the global advancement and standardization of interventional pain practice.

The Certified Interventional Pain Sonologist (CIPS) program for physicians was introduced in 2014. Developed with the support of colleagues affiliated with the World Academy of Pain Medicine Ultrasonography, this competency-based examination focuses on procedural anatomy and technical competencies of ultrasonography in pain medicine. To date, almost 100 physicians representing 21 countries have earned their CIPS certification.



EPP Award

The Excellence in Pain Practice (EPP) Award program for pain centers was introduced by WIP in 2010 to recognize pain centers that voluntarily submit to an assessment by WIP. Pain centers are evaluated for excellence in clinical practice, education, training, cutting-edge research, and the impact of the center at the local, national, and international level. Through its network of EPP Award pain centers, WIP aims to broaden the scope and reach of physician-to-physician collaboration. For a list of EPP Award pain centers, please visit our EPP website: www.wip-epp.org

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