

# Maixner ON PAIN: Improving Education for Pain Medicine

Milwaukee—In episode 4 of the **ON PAIN** series, William Maixner, DDS, PhD, the president of the American Pain Society; and a co-director of the Duke Center for Translational Pain Medicine, the Joannes H. Karis, MD, Professor of Anesthesiology, and the vice chair of research at Duke University, in Durham, N.C., discusses pain medicine education.

Dr. Maixner explains that he is an advocate for increasing the number of curriculum hours in the area of pain, with assistance from the Department of Education. He believes that developing curriculum guidelines will result in a more educated primary care physician and specialist who can more effectively help patients without the need for immediate referral.

For the “On Pain” series, Dr. Maixner sat down with *Pain Medicine News* to discuss topics ranging from the challenges of addressing the dual epidemics of chronic pain and opioid use disorder to the future of pain research and education.

A Q&A with Dr. Maixner also appeared in print in the June double issue of *Pain Medicine News*, which also can be found on our website. New episodes of **ON PAIN** will appear every Thursday at [www.PainMedicineNews.com/Multimedia](http://www.PainMedicineNews.com/Multimedia).

—*Michael DePeau-Wilson, Donald M. Pizzi and Anna DeNelsky*

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