

# Maixner ON PAIN: The Struggle for Multidisciplinary Pain Care

Milwaukee—In episode 3 of the **ON PAIN** series, William Maixner, DDS, PhD, the president of the American Pain Society, talks about multidisciplinary pain management.

Dr. Maixner; who is also 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., explains that individual assessment of pain in a global context is necessary due to the range of pain that patients experience and the systemwide response that it invokes. It requires a multispecialty team to treat pain and scientists to discover new ways of treating pain.

He emphasizes the need for comprehensive patient care, while discussing the difficulties institutions have experienced in maintaining a multidisciplinary program due to cost.

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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