

PAIN MEDICINE CENTER

Pain is the #1 reason that Americans visit a doctor. Often, pain will go away on its own, but in many cases it becomes chronic and debilitating. Approximately 15 percent of Americans report daily chronic back pain or neck pain, and many others suffer from chronic arthritis pain, cancer pain, or pain related to other diseases such as diabetes and stroke.

The outpatient Pain Medicine Center within the Department of Anesthesiology at Northwestern Medicine offers hope to patients with chronic pain. Starting with a comprehensive evaluation and diagnostics, we use a variety of modalities including evidence-based interventional treatments like spinal and joint injections, ablation therapies, intradiscal modulation procedures, vertebral augmentation, and spinal cord stimulation. Our goal is a minimally invasive approach for maximum return to “normal” functioning.

As the science of pain evolves, new and innovative approaches and treatment options are coming to the forefront of medicine. Here at Northwestern, we are committed to paving the way and becoming the nation’s leader in pain medicine, ultimately creating a world-renowned Pain Center. Our faculty experts in the Division of Pain Medicine are dedicated to helping patients manage pain and improve their quality of life. We are conducting breakthrough research that will improve the treatment options and outcomes for patients with chronic pain. We are devoted to finding safe and more cost-effective pain medicine treatments.

The Future of Pain Medicine and Research

At Northwestern, we have exceptional faculty experts in the study of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine who are working collaboratively across medical disciplines. With a deep commitment and strong expertise, we are on a positive trajectory to become a national leader and to truly make a difference in the lives of those who suffer with chronic pain today and those who may suffer with chronic pain in the future. We are one of the few pain centers in the United States that is currently studying ultrasound guidance to perform injection procedures for chronic pain to limit radiation exposure to patients without sacrificing injection success. We are dedicated to improving patient safety in the treatment of chronic pain and are determined to change the face of pain medicine through evidence-based studies and discoveries.



Gifts from generous individuals often are catalysts in enabling medical research to flourish. We are seeking support to further our clinical investigations for the future of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine. Your transformational gift would help catapult the future of our Pain Medicine Center and have an extraordinary impact on this field as we seek to provide evidence-based results that transform lives.

Naming and Funding Priorities

Endowed and Named Pain Medicine Center	Starting at \$10 million
Endowed Pain Medicine Professorship	\$3 million
Endowed Pain Medicine Research or Clinical Fellowship Fund	Starting at \$1.5 million
Endowed and Named Pain Medicine Research Fund	\$500,000
Annual, Outright Support for Clinical and Research Pain Fellows	\$75,000/year
Annual, Outright Pilot or Bridge Funding for Pain Medicine Research	\$25,000+/project

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