



## Alliance for Balanced Pain Management - Fact Sheet

### What is the Alliance for Balanced Pain Management?

- The Alliance for Balanced Pain Management (AfBPM) includes a diverse collective of 22 health care advocacy groups, patient organizations, industry representatives and other stakeholders who organized to:
  - Support appropriate access to integrated, effective and safe pain management, including physical therapy and rehabilitation, psychological counseling, social support, medication and other complementary approaches; and
  - Reinforce the critical need to prescribe, dispense, take, store and dispose of prescription pain medication in a safe and responsible manner with an aim to reduce abuse, misuse and diversion.
- Its mission is to advocate for balanced pain management by supporting organizations and individuals who share a common goal to reduce pain, reduce medicine abuse and improve care. This can be accomplished through multi-pronged approaches that address the physical, emotional and social components of pain. Addressing all of these components, we believe, allows for safe, effective and responsible management of pain.
- When medications are required, management of pain must ensure that medications are prescribed, dispensed, taken, stored and disposed of safely and responsibly.

### Who are the Members of AfBPM?

- Member organizations represent clinicians, pharmacists, industry, veterans, patients and consumers.
- Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals is the founding sponsor.
- Current AfBPM Steering Committee members:

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- [Alliance for Patient Access](#): The Alliance for Patient Access (AfPA) is a national network of physicians whose mission is to advocate for patient access to approved therapies and appropriate clinical care.
- [American Cancer Society](#): The American Cancer Society (ACS) is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.
- [American Chronic Pain Association](#): The American Chronic Pain Association's (ACPA) mission is to facilitate peer support and education for individuals with chronic pain and their families so that these individuals may live more fully in spite of their pain. The ACPA is dedicated to raising awareness among the health care community, policy makers and the public at large about issues of living with chronic pain.
- [Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals](#): Mallinckrodt is a global specialty biopharmaceutical and medical imaging business that develops, manufactures, markets and distributes specialty pharmaceutical products and medical imaging agents. Areas of focus include therapeutic drugs for autoimmune and rare disease specialty areas like neurology, rheumatology, nephrology and pulmonology along with analgesics and central nervous system drugs for prescribing by office- and hospital-based physicians. The company's Specialty Pharmaceuticals segment includes branded and specialty generic drugs and active pharmaceutical ingredients, and the Global Medical Imaging segment includes contrast media and nuclear imaging agents.
- [Partnership for Drug-Free Kids](#): Founded in 1987 as an anti-drug advertising campaign and formerly known as the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, the Partnership for Drug-Free Kids is a nonprofit organization working to reduce teen substance abuse and support families impacted by addiction.
- [The Gerontological Society of America](#): The Gerontological Society of America's (GSA) mission is to promote the conduct of multi- and interdisciplinary research in aging by expanding the quantity of gerontological research and by increasing its funding resources; to disseminate gerontological research knowledge to researchers, to practitioners, and to decision and opinion makers; and to promote, support, and advocate for aging education, and education and training in higher education.

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- Current General Committee members:
  - [American Academy of Pain Management](#)
  - [American Pain Society](#)
  - [American Society for Pain Management Nursing](#)
  - [Caregiver Action Network](#)
  - [Easter Seals](#)
  - [Leukemia & Lymphoma Society](#)
  - [Men's Health Network](#)
  - [National Alliance for Caregiving](#)
  - [National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations](#)
  - [National Association of Chain Drug Stores](#)
  - [National Minority Quality Forum](#)
  - [National Patient Safety Foundation](#)
  - [Otsuka America Pharmaceutical, Inc.](#)
  - [U.S. Pain Foundation](#)
  - [Verde Environmental Technologies, Inc.](#)
  - [Veterans Health Council & Vietnam Veterans of America](#)
  
- AfBPM is continuing to gather supporters. For more information about how to join AfBPM, visit [www.AllianceBPM.org](http://www.AllianceBPM.org).

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