

## Dear Reader,

The University of Iowa Center of Excellence in Pain Education (UI CoEPE) Project was awarded a contract by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) which started in Sept 2015 (NIDA contract No. HHSN271201500050C) with the primary aim to improve pain education for pre-licensure healthcare students. The project has 3 main activities including 1) development of interactive web-based pain case modules, 2) incorporation of pain education into learning institution curriculum, and 3) evaluation of outcomes and dissemination of findings. Here is news from our first year activities.

## New case module is ready for trial.

The first case module developed by the UI CoEPE is titled *Acute Injury Farm Accident with Chronic Pain*. It is an online interactive module and will be piloted by students in the inter-professional education (IPE) course in Sept 2016. The case will be published online and accessible to any health care professional school by the NIH Pain Consortium, [https://painconsortium.nih.gov/NIH\\_Pain\\_Programs/CoEPES.html](https://painconsortium.nih.gov/NIH_Pain_Programs/CoEPES.html).



## UI CoEPE Facts:

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### NIH Awards:

Year 1 award: \$130,410  
Year 2 award: \$77,876

### Webpage:

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## Presentation at APS

Project's PI, Dr. Keela Herr, made a presentation at American Pain Society (APS), the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting held in Austin, TX, at the Ethics Special Interest Group (SIG) meeting on May 12, 2016. The title of the presentation was "Pain Education: A Call to Action" which introduced the national CoEPE initiative and UI CoEPE case.

## Pain Competency Knowledge Assessment

Using national consensus core pain competencies (Fishman et al., 2013), the project developed Pain Competency Knowledge Assessment which consisted of 21 multiple-choice questions relevance to all healthcare disciplines. The assessment was tested with the 2016 healthcare graduates. The results of the survey and the psychometric evaluation will be disseminated in an up-coming event of International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP).

## Baseline report will be available in Fall.

The project gathered baseline data for seven healthcare disciplines including Nursing, Dentistry, Medicine, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant, and Social Work. The assessments focused on coverage of core competencies across the curriculum, and student perceptions of competency achievement and pain knowledge using the Pain Competency Knowledge Assessment. The results of data analysis will be available in Fall.

## The CoEPE is funded for 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

NIH awarded a contract to the UI CoEPE to continue its activities for Year 2! UI CoEPE will begin development of 2 case modules titled, 1) *Older Adult with Frozen Shoulder and Chronic Pain* and 2) *Older Adult with Total Knee Arthroplasty* in Sept 1, 2016 to Aug 31, 2017.

## Upcoming events for pain professionals

- IASP 16<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Pain in Yokohama, Japan, 9/26 – 30, 2016  
<http://www.iasp-pain.org/Yokohama?navItemNumber=4525>
- The Midwest Pain Society 37<sup>th</sup> Scientific Session in Chicago, Illinois, 10/25 – 26, 2016  
[www.cmc-aspmn.org/MPS-Save-the-Date-2013.pdf](http://www.cmc-aspmn.org/MPS-Save-the-Date-2013.pdf)

