

# Frontiers in Pain Management

*19th Annual Meeting of the Alliance of State Pain Initiatives*



## Concurrent Workshop B4

Friday, October 31, 2008

3:15 pm - 4:30 pm

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### Advancing Pain Management Policy and Practice: A Balanced Approach

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State Pain Initiatives prioritize goals in the areas of pain management based on the needs of the state. This session will focus on balancing work at the state level to ensure that both practice and policy are considered. Members of the Georgia Pain Initiative and the Montana Pain Initiative, both projects of the American Cancer Society, will share best practices and pitfalls from their experiences during the past year. Participants will have an opportunity to share information about the work of their own State Pain Initiatives and best practices pertaining to their own accomplishments and goals.

At the conclusion of the session, participants should be able to:

- recognize the need to use various educational modalities to improve provider practice
- describe effective methods for improving state policy regarding pain management
- explain how to recruit partners for their State Pain Initiatives
- construct a plan for beginning or strengthening the work of a State Pain Initiative