

Proposed Interventions for Workgroup Formation
Based on Section Goals

1. Provide multidisciplinary participation in support of the mission of the Society to include scientific, educational, and patient care outcomes of persons with headache.
 - A. Educate other American Headache Society members about the diverse, but important, roles that NPs and PAs play in headache medicine
 - B. _____
2. Foster collaboration and collegial support for NP's and PA's who provide care for persons with headache to facilitate optimal outcomes and collaborative care.
 - A. Promoting headache medical education among our non-specialist peers.
 - B. Creating headache fellowships or other educational opportunities for PAs and NPs who have an interest in the exciting subspecialty of headache medicine.
 - C. Exploring credentialing or other process of evaluating NPs and PAs in their headache practice competency
 - 1) Develop core competencies
 - 2) Develop core curriculum
 - 3) Work with national accrediting agencies for respective professions, ie ANCC (American Nursing Credentialing Center)
 - 4). Establish on-line and web based curriculum access via Universities with NP/PA programs
 - D. Creating mentoring relationships between well-seasoned headache NPs and PAs and their counterparts who are new to the subspecialty.
 - E. _____
3. Identify and explore common practice issues and educational needs of NP's and PA's to promote dialogue and optimal outcomes in persons with headache.
 - A. Apply for a pre-course at the 2010 Scientific Meeting, regarding the utilization of PAs and NPs in headache practices.
 - 1). Roles of NPs/PAs,
 - 2). Practical implications for the practice team
 - 3). Medi-legal aspects
 - 4). Patient perspectives
 - 5). Reimbursement issues
 - 6). Clinical Practice: Pearls and Red Flags
 - B. Survey membership

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4. Facilitate research efforts and practice models supporting a multidisciplinary approach to best practice models in headache

A. Develop multidisciplinary NP/PA practice and research models within Headache Centers

B. Explore interdisciplinary opportunities within Universities represented by membership

C. Qualitative research and publication on topics related to PA and NP headache practice, including but not limited to:

- 1) patient satisfaction/perceptions,
- 2) care outcomes
- 3) practice benefits
- 4) physician relationships
- 5) cost containment

D. Outreach and mentorship to NP/PA colleagues in non-tertiary care settings and rural settings to promote the art and science of headache management in a collegial fashion

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