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NIDA hosts sessions on pain at APA annual meeting

Dr. Nora Volkow to receive APA Special Presidential Commendation

To help address the ongoing prescription opioid overdose epidemic, the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) will host sessions on the management and treatment of pain as it relates to substance use disorders at the 2017 American Psychiatric Association's (APA's) [Annual Meeting](#) in San Diego, CA from May 20-24. The NIDA sessions will focus on the brain's response to pain, treating patients with pain and addiction, and the role of the psychiatrist in safe and effective pain management. In addition, NIDA Director Nora Volkow will receive an APA Special Presidential Commendation for her leadership in the interconnected fields of psychiatry and neuroscience.

WHAT: NIDA sessions on pain at the 2017 American Psychiatric Association's Annual Meeting.

WHEN: Saturday, May 20, 2017 – Wednesday, May 24, 2017

WHERE: San Diego Convention Center
111 W Harbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92101

CONTACT: If you are interested in a pre-interview with a NIDA spokesperson about the presentations, please contact the NIDA press office at media@nida.nih.gov or 301-443-6245.

NIDA Sessions:

- **The Role of the General Psychiatrist in the Management of Patients with Pain**
Sunday, May 21; 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
San Diego Convention Center, Room 25A
- **In the Wake of the CDC Opioid Guidelines and the National Pain Strategy: Treating the Patient with Pain and Addiction**
Monday, May 22; 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
San Diego Convention Center, Room 23C
- **Pain and Psychiatry**
Monday, May 22; 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
San Diego Convention Center, Room 25B
- **What is Pain to the Brain?**
Wednesday, May 24; 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
San Diego Convention Center, Room 25A

Award Presentation:

- **NIDA Director Dr. Nora Volkow Receives APA Special Presidential Commendation**
Monday, May 22; 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
During the Convocation of Distinguished Fellows, William C. Menninger Memorial Lecture presented by Elizabeth Vargas
San Diego Convention Center, Hall F

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