NIH Pain Consortium

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Chronic pain:

- Affects millions worldwide
- Decreases well-being and productivity
- Interferes with rest and appetite
- Prolongs recovery from illness and hospital stays
- Decreases quality of life
- Often under-treated
- Large burden on health care system
NIH Funding for Chronic Pain

Source: NIH Office of Budget – 2/15/07

FY 2003: $199
FY 2004: $223
FY 2005: $229
FY 2006: $220
FY 2007 (est.): $217
FY 2008 (est.): $216

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Mission:

- Develop comprehensive NIH pain research agenda
- Identify key opportunities for inter-disciplinary research
- Pursue public-private partnerships
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Activities:

• Coordinate release of initiatives

• Maintain informational resources opportunities in pain research and discoveries

• Increase visibility of NIH pain research
Pain research across all of the NIH Institutes and Centers explores:

- Basic mechanisms of the pain response
- Pain management and treatment
- Individual differences
- Emotional and biobehavioral aspects
An Inter-disciplinary Focus

The NIH Pain Consortium