

## Department of Anesthesia

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### **The Acute Pain Service**

The Acute Pain Service at Georgetown University Hospital provides a consultation service for acute postoperative pain and therapeutic approaches to persistent pain.

Clinicians function as consultants, recommending to the referring physician an individually tailored treatment plan. Pain management services begin with primary team referral, followed by an evaluation phase and treatment.

### **Acute Pain Service Goals**

To provide exceptional inpatient care for acute pain disorders and therapeutic approaches to persistent pain within a private, non-profit academic medical center.

### **Types and Ages of Patients Served**

The Acute Pain Service sees adult, geriatric and occasionally pediatric patients in an inpatient setting for pain management consultation.

### **Scope and Complexity of Patients Served**

Evaluation and treatment are offered to patients with a broad range of acute and chronic pain syndromes. These include, but are not limited to, acute lumbar disc herniation, myofascial syndromes, acute bursitis, migraine headache, fibromyalgia, chronic neck and shoulder pain, degenerative disc disease (cervical and lumbar), phantom limb pain, incisional pain, abdominal and pelvic pain, nerve injury pain herpetic, diabetic, alcoholic and traumatic, complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS), sacro-iliac joint dysfunction, and myofascial pain.

1. Inpatient referrals to the Acute Pain Service. Inpatient referrals consist of patients with acute or chronic pain requiring epidural patient-controlled analgesia or patients referred for consultation for complex management issues.

### **Inpatient Services**

The inpatient service is managed and supervised by the Acute Pain Service 24 hours a day. Inpatient services are available 24-hours-a-day: pager **202-405-2274**.

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